

## The Man From Snowy River

Slim Dusty

There was movement at the station, for the word had passed around that the colt from Old Regret had got away  
And had joined the wild bush horses, he was worth a thousand pounds, so all the cracks had gathered to the fray  
All the tried and noted riders from the stations near and far had mustered at the homestead overnight  
For the bushmen love hard riding where the wild bush horses are and the stock-horse snuffs the battle with delight

There was Harrison, who made his pile when Pardon won the cup and the old man with his hair as white as snow  
But few could ride beside him when his blood was fairly up, he would go wherever horse or man could go  
And Clancy of the Overflow came down to lend a hand, no better horseman ever held the reins  
For never horse could throw him while the saddle-girths would stand and he learnt to ride while droving on the plains

And one was there, a stripling on a small and weedy beast, he was something like a racehorse undersized  
With a touch of Timor pony, three parts thoroughbred at least and such as are by mountain horsemen prized  
He was hard and tough and wiry, just the sort that won't say die, there was courage in his quick impatient tread  
And he bore the badge of gameness in his bright and fiery eye and the proud and lofty carriage of his head

But still so slight and weedy, one would doubt his power to stay and the old man said, that horse will never do  
For a long and tiring gallop lad, you'd better stop away, those hills are far too rough for such as you  
So he waited sad and wistful, only Clancy stood his friend, oh I think we ought to let him come, he said  
And I warrant he'll be with us when he's wanted at the end, for both his horse and he are mountain bred

Oh he hails from Snowy River, up by Kosciusko's side, where the hills