Augathella Station

Trad



Rhythm: Waltz

Book: Bill Scott, "Australian Folk Lore" p 98, (Original in A)

Notes: Related tunes collected in Australia

- David Johnson, "Bush Dance", The Bush Music Club, 2001, p56

- Warren Fahey, "Eureka - The Songs that Made Australia", p162

History: This tune and its Australian lyrics about cattle drovers, is widely known in Australia. It is based on the tune and lyrics of "Spanish Ladies", a tune, and song, which emerged from the Peninsular war, 1807-14.

British soldiers were sent to fight Napoleon's forces in Portugal and later, Spain. When they were brought home they were ordered to leave their Spanish wives and children behind.