BARE LEGGED KATE

Words: John Dengate, Tune: Bare legged Joe "Written for my mother, Born Kathleen Mary Kelly, Gundagai, NSW, 1914."

First Verse and Chorus:

Bare legged Kate with your natural grace, The big big sad eyes in the Irish face. A poor bush girl when the summer is high In the stony hills of Gundagai.

Bare legged Kate why do you weep When the men ride by with the travelling sheep? Does the sight of the drover make you sad? Do you think of the father you never had?

Bare legged Kate why do you run, Down to the creek in the setting sun? Down where the eyes of the world cannot see -Run Kate, run, from poverty.

Bare legged Kate, there is gold in the hills But you know that the cyanide process kills. Poisons the miners and cuts them down In the mean little homes below the town.

Bare legged Kate, when the floods come down, It's the poor on the creeks are the ones who drown: When the great Murrumbidgee is thundering by Through the haunted hills of Gundagai.

Final chorus:

Bare legged Kate with your natural grace, The big big sad eyes in the Irish face. A poor bush girl when the summer is high In the haunted hills of Gundagai.



Max Elbourne and Chris Woodland



Ralph Pride



Chris Woodland



Dale Dengate and friends

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JOHN DENGATE TRIBUTE CONCERTS

To honour the passing of "A National Treasure", tribute concerts were held at the Loaded Dog Folk Club and at Tritton Hall, the headquarters of the Bush Music Club.

John was a life member of the club, and has contributed a large number of songs and verses to the folk scene. Many of these works were satirical in nature, poking fun at people or institutions that John saw as unfair or silly. Others, such as *Bare Legged Kate*, painted a picture of life in a bygone time.

He will be greatly missed, but not forgotten.



A packed house at the BMC Hut



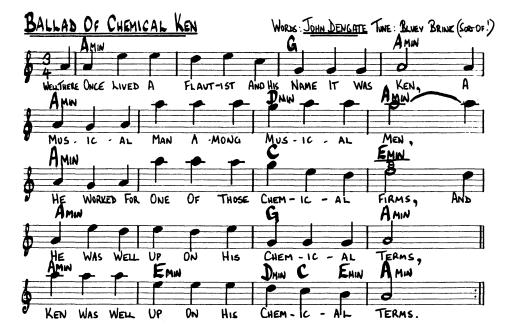




Margaret & Bob Fagan



Jason Roweth and Max Elbourne





Margaret and Bob Fagan performing to the crowd at the Loaded Dog.



Nick Lock



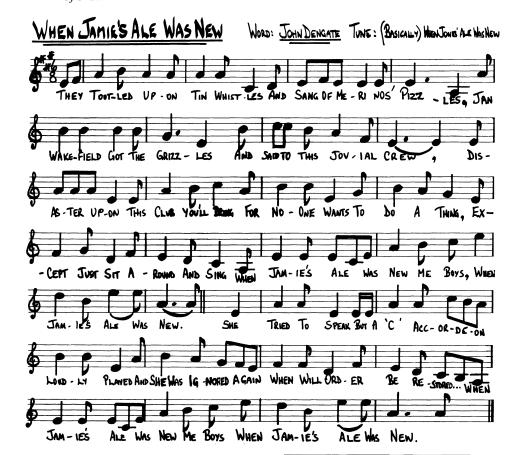
Cj Shaw



Peter Cahill



Lachlan Dengate





Chris Maltby



Lachlan Dengate, Max Elbourne and Jason Roweth