

To A.G.H.S.

with Compliments,

R.C.

CHORAL

Aboriginal
Slumber Song

Lyric W. Austin Brown.

Music ROBT. CROSS.

Aboriginal Slumber Song. (w. Austin Bevan)

①

Once when the moon was shining
O'er bush and billabong,
A dark-skinned mother nursed her babe,
and sang her slumber song

②

Oh, Birrahlee, my Birrahlee,
Bahloo now shines on high;
So in your Boonga safely rest
Till Harrimeon draws nigh.
While Karkawirra stirs the trees,
And Milloo flows along;
Sleep, Birrahlee, on mother's knee,
while I sing my Slumber song.

③

Soft came the tender crooning,
Twas music to my ears;
It brought me sweetest memories
Across the mist of years.

④ Oh, Birrahlee, ... etc.

Words:
W. Austin Bevan.

Aboriginal Slumber SONG

Composed:
R. Cross.

dedicated to Helen M. Cross
and for use of Adelaide Girls High School.

Glossary:	Berrahlee = baby	Harrimeen = Day
	Bahloo = moon	Karkawirra = Evening breeze.
	Boonga = shelter	Miloo = River

(from Aboriginal Word Book by Justine Kenyon)

A la Betceuse

mf Once when the moon was
pp Soft came the ten-der

Espress.

One or two voices for upper notes

Shi-ning...
cruo-ning...

Berbush & bil-la bong
Twas music in my ears

A dark skinned
(mp) it brought me

poco
cresc

mo-ther nursed her ba... be
 sweetest mem-ories

and sang her song... her
 a-cross the mist... a-

slum... her
 cro... ss the

so...
 mist of year... s.

Oh bir-rah lee.

flowingly

Bah-loo now shines on high...
 my bir-rah-lee,

Bah-lee now shines on high...

So, in your Boon-ga safely rest.....

Till Har-ri-meen----- draws

RIT.

at tempo

so in your Boon-ga safely rest

nigh.

pp

Hm!.....

Till Har-ri-meen draws nigh.....

4 Bars

Best out.

a tempo

(distantly)

pp

(molto stacc.)

RIT.

Ped

RIT.

while Kar-ka-war-ri stirs the trees

and Mil-loo flows a-long;.....

after

sva

4 Bars

RIT.

LMP

Sleep, sleep, my Bir-rah-lee, on mother's knee, while I sing my slum-ber

rit. *allegro*
 song - - - while I sing my slumber song, my Bir-rah-lee. *rit.*

rit. *allegro*

2nd Verre DC
 Closed Lips
 lee
 pp
 or flm.
 Rit.
 pp

TO A.G.H.S. CHOIR
 Robert Cross
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