

I Live Out in the Bush

Traditional

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). It consists of six staves of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics. The lyrics describe a person's life in a bush, mentioning activities like washing for days, using a jam tin as a cup, and scavenging for a frying pan.

I live out in the bush with whisk - ers on me mush and I
nev - er wash for days _____ for the dirt will keep till the
end of the week for they are _____ the bush mens ways _____ I keep me
tuck - er in an ol ker - o-sene tin and I scrounge it when I
can. _____ I've got a jam tin for a cup with its sides turned
up and a shov - el for a fry - ing pan. _____

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1. I live out in the bush with whiskers on me mush
And I never wash for days
For the dirt will keep till the end of the week
For they are the bush men's ways.
2. I keep me tucker in an old kerosene tin
And I scrounge it when I can.
I've got a jam tin for a cup with its sides turned up
And a shovel for a frying pan.

Dad, fifth of six children, was born on a farm at Eddington in Central Victoria. His grandfather cleared the land from the box-ironbark forest. His father and mother raised six children there, In the early 1920s, when Dad was a toddler, they moved to Bendigo,

I like this song's raw exuberance. Does it have other verses? Who else sang it? I know it only from Dad's singing. I've not seen this song in any of the collections I have accumulated over the years.

Source:

As sung by Brendan Gallagher.

There appear to be no references to it on the internet, which does, however, mention many other uses for old kerosene tins.