

Jackie's Song

The Mutton Birds

A fine mess we're in Jackie
A clearing in the bush
The trees are all tangled up, and they're the wrong
Shade of green

And the sap never stops running
The leaves they never fall
And the birds laugh like drunken garrison girls

Jackie I said I'd take you dancing
Dancing bright and strong
Jackie I said I'd take you dancing
Jackie I said I'd take you dancing to your song
Silver medals shining
And the dust from a foreign road in your hair
Jackie I said I'd take you dancing everywhere

We were told there was a dozen of them
Runaways and injured men
They weren't supposed to put up such a fight

Now who'd have thought blood would have
So many colours
Soaking the grass beneath you like all the others
A Spreading stain on the swampy ground
Till the next rain comes down

Jackie I said I'd take you dancing ...

Those old men singing back at home
I'd like to bring them here
Show them around, let them see what they have done

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