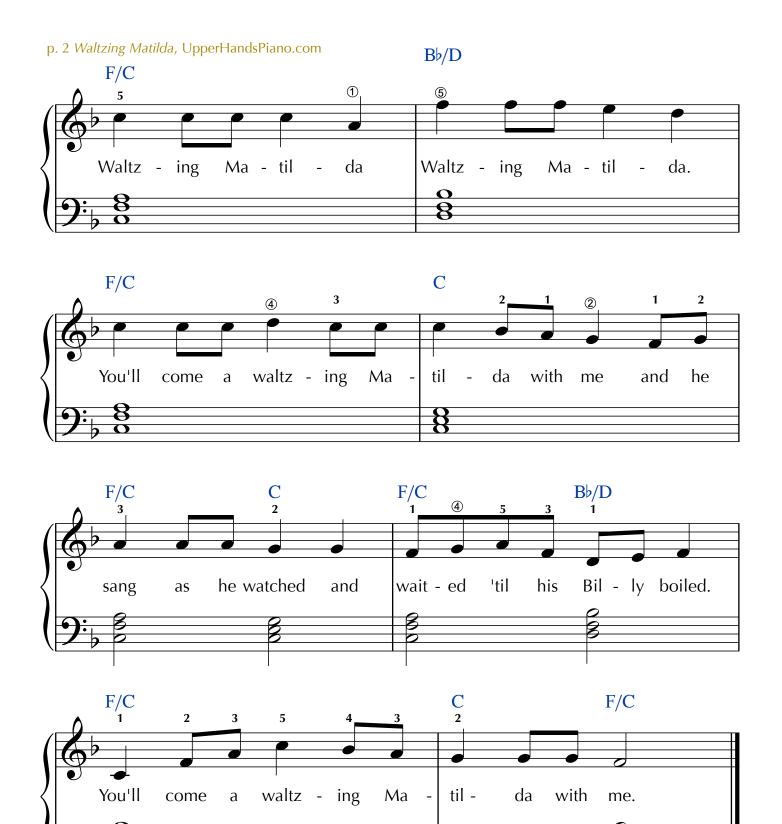


Waltzing Matilda





This Australian favorite needs some translating! A *Swagman* is an itinerant worker or a hobo (a *swag* is a bundle of possessions tied to the end of a stick). A Billabong is a pool of water. *Matilda* is slang for swag. A *Coolibah* tree is a eucalyptus tree. *Billy* is both a tea kettle and a brand of tea. (This song was used in as an advertisement for *Billy Tea* in 1903!) *Waltzing* is slang for walking. So, *Waltzing Matilda* means, traveling with a swag, and celebrates the Australian love of freedom and defiance.