

Crikey it's a Country

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that makes you do it tough
Not a day goes by that I don't pray that it's enough

Battlin' through the dry times
I curse this bloody drought
Mates just think I'm nuts that I don't wanna bail out

What am I to do then
If I ain't got me land?
Grab a ukulele and then join a hippy band?

Born and bred a farmer
A true blue Aussie son
I'm just livin' life out here just like my grandpa done

Clouds are always teasin'
But then they flood the coast
We are out here fryin' like a bit of bloody toast

Mates have got their cattle
But they look pretty crook
Inside mates are cryin' but ya never see 'em sook

Dams at least are muddy
they're not quite dust just yet
If we don't get rain real soon that mud'll dry and set

Crops are always failin'
It sends a man insane
Just a waste of money with no follow up of rain

Trying to be happy
I know it just ain't right
Pain is in the animals who suffer day and night

Yeah I'm feeling guilty
Cause I got food to eat
They're just eatin' dust while they are strugglin' on their feet

Can't keep feedin' pellets
And we can't sell the herd
Too much money loaded up and I can't say the word

Shippin' in the water
It costs an arm and leg
Yeah we're in some debt right now but still I never beg

One bloke was a victim
The drought it took his life
He just used a shotgun whereas others use a knife

That is how it gets ya
It takes your soul away
End up with a hole inside that haunts you every day

In these times of weakness
I'm glad I got support
People here to help me in these battles that I've fought

Thank God for me Darlin'
Me wife is by my side
I just gotta save us here and God knows that I've tried

We just get our hopes up
And then we see them dashed
We must keep our spirits up although our soul's been bashed

I still got a vision
I'll never give up hope
No one sees me danglin' from the end of tightened rope

Rains they will be comin'
And when they do I'll cheer
When I break this bloody drought I know I'll shed a tear

This land'll never break me
I'll never let it win
This is just a test of time to test if I'll give in

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