

## Australia Day

Hello, Aunt's n' UNCLES! Mum's n' DADS!  
Family members, EVERYWHERE! Many nations to be, FOUND!  
Everyone, living, n' breathing around AUSTRALIA TODAY!  
Here's a big shout out, to you ALL! To all my AUSSIE MATES!  
How you DO n' Hope all is, WELL! Let it be, SO!  
Now can I borrow, some of your TIME! It won't, take LONG!  
Needing your ears n' MINDS! Your heart n' SOULS! The human, SPIRIT!  
Come on, can you help me OUT! I need a helping hand, THANKS!  
Waning, to know is there anyone that BELIEVES! Believing in you n' I!  
Believing in all of us, as human BEINGS! A country needing to be, LOVE!  
Everyone living here n' now, present n' alive upon this LAND!  
Because this land of ours, is only for the LIVING! The dead are, GONE! Pass n' ON!  
Leaving us here, nowhere to GO! So now it's our TURN! To get it, RIGHT!  
Starting with you n' I! Starting from a child, learning what's right n' WRONG!  
Because we need to get, ALONG! Shaking hands, saying HELLO!  
Kissing cheeks, waving to a FRIEND! Embracing a, STRANGER! Now that's a GOAL!  
Reaching out in, LOVE! Finishing, STRONG! Creating a future, through LOVE!  
Forgiving, your fellow MAN! Forgetting all the anger, living INSIDE!  
From past n' present, HISTORY! From the hands of MAN! Religious, BOUND!  
Because, we all know AUSTRALIA has a negative, PAST! But we need to find our FEET!  
Learning to live as we are, TODAY! Living as one, as multicultural AUSTRALIA!  
A land of milk n' HONEY! Still trying to, PROVIDE! Still staying, ALIVE!  
Because isn't it funny, how people can't/don't get ALONG!  
Drowning in memories, lost in TIME! Forgetting about, TODAY!  
Dragging their feet, through the MUD! Dirt between their, TOES! Spit n' CHIPS!  
Covering, themselves in MISSERY! Clouded by, false BELIEFS! No new, DIRECTION!  
Speaking about ancient, LAWS! Ancient, PATHS! Spiritual n' NOT!  
Thinking they know, knew EVERYTHING! Now that's a big, MISTAKE!  
Because if you, or they DID! You wouldn't be, still fighting to SURVIVE!  
Dying inside, Climbing WALLS! Looking back, forgetting to run FORWARD!  
Because the life we live n' BREATHE! Is here n' NOW! A future still to COME!  
And make no mistakes; this future won't wait for YOU! While you live in the PAST!  
So get up and get on with, IT! Creating a brand new DAY! AUSTRALIA!  
Knowing; paradise will only come, through our lives n' HANDS! And you better, believe IT!  
As we start to fight for every person, living in AUSTRALIA! TODAY!  
Because the living n' breathing, of this LAND! Is the shaping of our LIVES!  
Forgetting that people are dying, EVERYWHERE! Finding it hard, just to BREATHE!  
Knowing the colour of skin, doesn't matter, it's the heart n' soul that make you LIVE!  
So forget the rest, harders n' angry FACES! Mislead lives n' MINDS!  
Leading our country, down a one-way STREET! With a dead end to MEET!  
Forgetting that you are an AUSTRALIAN! An Aussie BREED!

Which, started, with an ancient LAND! With ancient, HANDS! My FOREFATHERS!  
But evolving and moving on, to a brand new DAY! Many nations n' many HANDS!  
And just so you know, I'm an AUSTRALIAN! An indigenous AUSTRALIAN!  
With many bloods running through my VIENS! Including, English, American, GREEK!  
And what does that make me....? Well it makes me an AUSSIE!  
A true n' blue, Aboriginal/Indigenous/Multicultural MAN!  
Born and raised on the Tweed/Gold Coast of AUSTRALIA!  
A modern man, still walking TODAY! Still dreaming, TONGIHT!  
And, I'm the future of an ancient BLOOD! Still living n' breathing throughout my SONS!  
And here I stand today, proud to be an AUSTRALIAN! With a future so, BRIGHT!  
Yeah, that's right I'm an AUSTRALIAN! An AUSSIE!  
An Aboriginal/Indigenous/Multicultural MAN!  
The very essence of all AUSTRALIANS TODAY!  
So happy "AUSTRALIA DAY" EVERYONE!  
Because we are all the same, HUMAN!

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