The Wild Colonial Boy  Australian Folk Song

Intro: C | G7 | C | G7

Verse:

V1: There was a wild Colonial Boy, Jack Doolan was his name
Of poor but honest parents, he was born in Castlemaine
He was his father’s only hope, his mother’s price and joy
And dearly did his parents love their Wild Colonial Boy

Chorus:

C F G7 C

So come along me hearties, we'll roam the mountains high,
Together we will plunder, and together we will die
We'll scour along the valleys and we'll gallop o'er the plains,
For we scorn to live in slavery, bound down by iron chains.

V2: Jack was only sixteen when he left his native home,
And through Australia's sunny climes a bushranger did roam.
They put him in the iron gang in the government employ,
But never an iron on earth could hold The Wild Colonial Boy.

Chorus

V3: In sixty-one this daring youth commenced his wild career,
With a heart that knew no danger and no foreman did he fear.
He stuck up the Beechworth mail coach and he robbed Judge MacEvoy
Who, trembling cold, gave up his gold to the Wild Colonial Boy.

Chorus

V4: He bade the Judge good morning and he told him to beware,
That he'd never rob a needy man or one who acted square,
But a Judge who'd robed a mother of her one and only joy
Sure, he must be a worse outlaw than The Wild Colonial Boy.

Chorus

V5: One day as Jack was riding, the mountainside along,
A-listening to the little birds, their happy laughing song.
Three mounted troopers came along, Kelly, Davis and Fitzroy
With a warrant for the capture of The Wild Colonial Boy.

Chorus

V6: 'Surrender now! Jack Doolan, For you see it's three to one;
Surrender in the Queen's own name, You darting highwayman.'
Jack drew his pistol from his belt, And waved it like a toy,
'I'll fight, but not surrender,' cried The Wild Colonial Boy.

Chorus

V7: He fired at trooper Kelly And brought him to the ground,
And in return from Davis, he received a mortal wound,
All shattered through the jaws he lay still firing at Fitzroy,
And that's the way they captured him, The Wild Colonial Boy.

Chorus