

ULURU & ALICE

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I live out on the sideline; my home is by the shore One day for adventure I'll go inland to explore I'll journey to the centre where the land is deepest red Search for ancient footprints by some dusty, dry creek bed

Uluru an' Alice – I often hear your names And I can feel your heartbeat - the mystery remains Still beneath the endless sky, my arms are open wide Uluru and Alice in my country's shame and pride

There's a woman went to prison 'though she did nothing wrong Her little baby disappeared one evening dark and long "The dingo's got my baby!" she screamed into the night The jury found her guilty, oh, but what she said was right

And back in 1928 like many times before
A black man killed a white man for breaking tribal law
Revenge was swift and savage – policemen, horses, guns
Black women, men and children soon lay dying in the sun

There's two laws in my country now, on one thing they agree: On who's the rightful owners of the sacred rock we see And generous of spirit now the owners share like friends A giant rock – the symbol of a future journey's end



