

# Outback Christmas Song Words

## THE BETHLEHEM PUB

1. A country pub is not a proper place for women,  
the last place on earth to try and have a kid.  
So when Mary and her tired old man arrived that night  
I rustled up a bed of straw out in the shed.
2. I run the country pub in Outback Bethlehem,  
a home away from home for stockmen interstate.  
For when the picnic races stir the dust out here  
a man will ride a hundred miles to meet his mate. (*music bridge*)
3. The pub In Bethlehem is rough as honed-head toads,  
and what I've seen would turn a shearer green and white;  
like the time young Bill fought Blue, the old man kangaroo  
till beer, and blood, and fur flowed down the street.
4. I've seen men drive their horse in for a drink or two,  
and with their stockwhip clear the beer-glass of its foam  
while Fred, the pet galah, whose language turned the air dark blue,  
would screech his old refrain, 'Well, stone the flamin' crows'. (*music bridge*)
5. You should have heard the cursing from the stockmen when I said,  
'We have a pregnant woman with the horses in the stalls'.  
You should have seen them drinking, mate, and heard them sing off-key:  
'Why was he born so beautiful, why was he born at all?' (*music bridge*)
6. At first I also wondered if Mary's child belonged out here.  
He may as well be born among the mulga bush out back.  
Yet Mary seemed a sister to all who found her in the shed  
and Jesus seemed a brother to drinkers, drovers, blacks. (*music bridge*)

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