

# Outback Christmas Song Words

## THE SONG OF ELIZABETH

1. It's been a hard life, I'm not complaining,  
but I've often known the bitter taste of death.  
And I've been lonely and oh so weary,  
but I've had to battle on with every breath.  
  
*It's been a long drought out back,  
it's been a long drought out back,  
I've had a long drought within.*
2. I'd waited too long to hope for children,  
when it seemed my tired womb began to grow.  
But still I waited, oh how I waited  
for a sign of life, a kick, so I could know.
3. That day I watched as my cousin Mary  
walked over summer paddocks, bare and brown.  
When she spoke simply – "Hullo, how are you?" –  
my baby broke its six month sleep in leaps and bounds.
4. Being a woman with life inside me,  
it was wonderful to live that day.  
And knowing Mary, and who she carried,  
I knew that I would never be alone again.

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