

Outback Christmas Song Words

WE WERE GAMBLERS

We were gamblers, we were fools
chasing a star in the night;
droving gamblers, droving fools
was the star just a trick of the light?

*But we took the chance as gamblers must
that this new star was a sign
that would lead us to the Bushman who
was foretold in another time.*

Were we dreamers, was it wise
chasing a light in the sky?
Was there madness in our eyes?
Well you never really know until you try.

So we took the chance ...

And we left our mates by the campfire
and we rolled our swags as they laughed:
'Bet you never make it alive!' they said.
'Bet you ten beers we do!' we replied.

[Instrumental verse; repeat bridge]

How could we have known that the star would lead
to a boy born in a country pub,
a boy as poor as any unknown child
lost in the mallee scrub.

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