# GOD BLESS AUSTRALIA

Australian soldiers are renowned across the world for their bravery and skill. They are identified by the Slouch Hat, with its Rising Sun Badge (affixing the upturned brim) and the *puggaree* - a cloth wrap of seven folds, one for each state and one for the territories. The hat is often adorned by emu plumes. [Use different colours for each letter of the heading, then colour the slouch hat, adding emu feathers.]

*The mettle that a race can show*
*Is proved with shot and steel,*
*And now we know*
*what nations know*
*And feel what nations feel.*
- Banjo Paterson





*Little wonder our enemies hated*
*The sight of the one sided hat*
*They knew wherever they saw it*
*Was not the place to be at.*
*Because even if both sides*
*had run out of bullets*
*They had learned ...*
*there was one left to fear*
*The digger ... with the*
*heart of the bushman.*
- Tony Gunter

Attributed to Jack O'Hagan, and sung to the tune of *Waltzing Matilda*, the song *God Bless Australia* honoured the Anzacs at the close of daily transmissions of ABC television until the late 1970s.

*Here in this God-given land of ours, Australia,*
*This proud possession, our own piece of earth,*
*That was built by our fathers, who pioneered our heritage,*
*Here in Australia, the land of our birth.*

Chorus: *God bless Australia, our land Australia,*
*Home of the Anzac, the strong and the free,*
*It's our homeland, our own land,*
*To cherish for eternity,*
*God bless Australia, the land of the free.*

*Here in Australia, we treasure love and liberty,*
*Our way of life, all for one, one for all,*
*We're a peace-loving race, but should danger ever threaten us,*
*Let the world know we will answer the call.*




**The Rising Sun Badge**

As a resurrection motif, each new day is denoted by the Rising Sun Badge (the General Service Badge) since deceased soldiers rest in death (at the going down of the sun) before rising (in the morning). Featuring bayonets radiating from and protecting the crown on which is the cross of Christ, on the upturned brim of the soldier's slouch hat, each badge represents the Anzac tradition of serving *God, King and Country*.

*"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"* (John 15:13)