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EKKA'S SILVER JUBILEE SONG

Life's a fast train movin' down a one-way track
That keeps on gettin' faster and that never comes back
The journey's much the same for men or chimpanzees
No return ticket and no guarantees
The years come and go in the blink of an eye
The less that you have left the more they seem to fly
Seems like yesterday that I got here
Can't believe it's been twenty-five years.

Chorus:

I still hate the beer, and still love the wine
Still talk Scottish, I can't talk Strine
Still can't surf, and I still hate cricket
And as for Aussie Rules, well you know where you can stick it
But oh oh oh, Australia
Oh oh oh, I luv ya!
That's why I'm still here
After twenty-five years.

From the day that I arrived at Circular Quay
This bonzer bewdy Country has been bloody good to me
Gave me a second bite at life
A dog, a house, a car and a wife
Grabbed at my heart and made me stay
Helped to make me what I am today
And though I suppose I shouldn't bitch
It still hasn't made me tall or rich.

Chorus:

I still love koalas, and still hate the flies
Still love pavlovas, and still hate the pies
Still love the music, and still hate the TV
Love the Aussie women and they still hate me!
But oh oh oh, Australia
Oh oh oh, I luv ya!
That's why I'm still here
After twenty-five years.

Yes I still like the people, and still hate the Pollies
Still love the Bush and I hate the creepy-crawlies!
Still hate the heat, and love the stars at night
Love Aeroplane Jelly and I hate Vegemite
Prefer Bruce and Sheila to Simon and Rebecca
I like bein' called Eric, and hate bein' called Ekka
I hate me old thongs, and I love me old Akubra
Hate "Advance Australia Fair", and love "Waltzing Matilda"
But oh oh oh Australia
Oh oh oh, I luv ya!
That's why I'm still here
After twenty-five years.

Coda:

Twenty-five years in the Land of Oz
I'm here because I'm here because