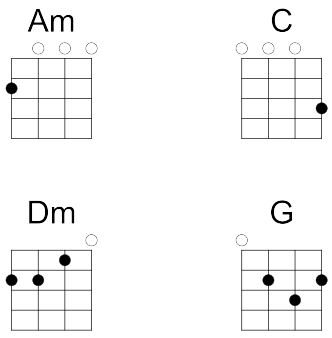
Carol of the Birds
John Wheeler and William James

C
Out on the plains the brolgas are dancing
Dm G
Lifting their feet like warhorses prancing
C Dm G
Up to the sun the woodlarks go winging
Am Dm G
Faint in the dawn light echoes their singing
C Am Dm G C
Orana! Orana! Orana to Christmas day

C
Down where the tree ferns grow by the river
Dm G
There where the waters sparkle and quiver
C Dm G
Deep in the gullies bell–birds are chiming
Am Dm G
Softly and sweetly their lyric notes rhyming
C Am Dm G C
Orana! Orana! Orana to Christmas day

C
Friar birds sip the nectar of flowers
Dm G
Currawongs chant in wattle tree bowers
C Dm G
In the blue ranges lorikeets calling
Am Dm G
Carols of bush birds rising and falling
C Am Dm G C
Orana! Orana! Orana to Christmas day

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