

# Sleep, Australia, Sleep

## Paul Kelly

D Sleep, Australia, sleep  
 G D  
 The night is on the creep  
 D A  
 Shut out the noise all around  
 D  
 Sleep, Australia, sleep  
 G D  
 And dream of counting sheep  
 D A D  
 Jumping in fields coloured brown

G D  
 Who'll rock the cradle and cry?  
 Bm A  
 Who'll rock the cradle and cry?  
 D  
 Sleep, Australia, sleep  
 G D  
 As off the cliff the kingdoms leap  
 D A D  
 Count them as they say goodbye

G  
 Count down the little things  
 D  
 The insects and birds  
 Bm  
 Count down the bigger things  
 Em  
 The flocks and the herds  
 G  
 Count down our rivers  
 D  
 Our pastures and trees  
 Bm  
 But there's no need to hurry  
 Em  
 Oh, sleep now, don't worry  
 G A  
 'Coz it's only a matter of degrees

D  
 Fog, Australia, fog  
 G D  
 Just like the boiling frog  
 D A D  
 As we go we won't feel a thing

### Humming (verse melody)

D G D  
 Mmmmmmm  
 D A  
 Mmmmm  
 D G D  
 Mmmmmmm  
 D A D  
 Mmmmmmm

G D  
 Who'll rock the cradle and cry?  
 Bm A  
 Who'll rock the cradle and cry?  
 D  
 Sleep, my country, sleep  
 G D  
 As off the cliff the kingdoms leap  
 D A D  
 Count them as they pass on by

G  
 Our children might know them  
 D  
 But their children will not  
 Bm  
 We won't know 'til it's gone  
 Em  
 All the glory we've got  
 G  
 But there are more wonders coming  
 D  
 All new kinds of shows  
 Bm  
 With acid seas rising  
 D  
 To kiss coastal mountains  
 Bm  
 And big cyclones pounding  
 D  
 And firestorms devouring  
 G  
 And we'll lose track of counting  
 F#m  
 As the corpses keep mounting  
 G A  
 But hey, that's just the way this old world goes  
 D  
 Sleep, my country, sleep  
 G D  
 As we sow so shall we reap  
 D A D  
 Who'll rock the cradle and cry?

