**HND 39 “Song for Australia”**

1 We gather here to celebrate,  
 with gratitude and song,  
 that though we come from far and wide,  
 to this land we belong.  
 We love this vast and sun-kissed land,  
 whose blessings we recall;  
 with dreamtime people let us build  
 a vibrant space for all.

2 With varied gifts, diverse in faith  
 and language, culture, creed,  
 we meet as one to play our part,  
 to speak in word and deed.  
 Today we dream of unity;  
 with wisdom’s guiding hand,  
 we join with those who strive to shape  
 a just and generous land.

3 As opal fire and starry sky  
 infuse our shores with light,  
 we share in freedom’s costly gifts  
 with daring and delight.  
 Today, with hope and grateful hearts,  
 we make our vows anew;  
 for here in one community,  
 we are Australians true.

**Refrain after verse 3**

*The wattle in its green and gold  
 brings beauty to life’s way;  
 let us bring joy, and sing as one  
 to celebrate this day.*

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