

The Journey

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Australia is an astonishing and many-sided place
when you spread your wings and fly through the haze
there will be fragrant flowers and odd entities
A frail nature with drought and heat as enemies.

Soar again and dive into another atmosphere
hot sand and a burning sun have their kingdom here.
With your next powerful wing stroke
you'll find yourself again in a kangaroo's poke.

With high jumps you get closer to Ayers Rock
10 where you spend the night eating an Aboriginal stock.
On the next day you'll visit Sydney and Brisbane
after following Australia's history lane.

It all began with the arrival of the First Fleet
and led to an inexorable gold greed.
Millions of people wanted to become rich and respected
nature and animals have been mercilessly neglected.

Great Britain took possession of the New Land
with the law Terra Nullius it was in their hand.
Australia had to fight for her own authority
20 and succeeded in shaking off her inflicted minority.

Finally it's time for you to say good-bye
being conscious that Australia's beauty one cannot deny.
Now spread your wings and fly through the haze
until your next visit to this unique place.