

# MULGA AND SPINIFEX PLAIN

(Neil Murray)

Well I come from a long way south  
To the heart of the land is where I'm livin' now  
And you know I'm worn and torn  
For it's a long way back to the place I was born  
Still, I think I've finally arrived  
To where the desert life is a real paradise  
With you I've learned to see  
That where a man feels at home  
Is where he's meant to be

So I'll see you out on the mulga and spinifex plain  
Anytime Tjilpi\* I'll be coming back this way  
See you out on the mulga and spinifex plain  
Just light me a fire and I'll soon be home again

Sometimes I think how can I stay here?  
Do I really belong in this long, hot year?  
But when the summer rains fall down  
You know I feel so alive  
I've gotta stick around  
With you all of my life  
I've been wanting to come and be close by your side  
But I know it won't be long  
And I'll have to go back to where I started from

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I'm a stranger to your life for a start  
And I'm not sure if I can really play a part  
Still I came to your country  
I don't know what you're thinking of me  
All I know is, I can't forget these times with you  
You see, I don't want to lose you  
Not your warmth or your humour  
You can see how sad it makes me to have to go

When I'm gone and far away  
Still here in my mind I will always stay  
With you I'll always be here  
No matter how far I stray through the years  
But for you to believe what I say  
Is not what I ask or expect today  
For I know that many have spoken before  
And gone again with nothing more

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\*Tjilpi; old man