

Bare Legged Kate

written by John Dengate for his mother

Kathleen Mary Kelly born Gundagai NSW 1914~2019

tune: Bare Legged Joe

♩ = 115

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Bare leg - ged Kate with your nat - ur - al grace The

5

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G/F#

Em

big sad eyes in the Irish face. A

9

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Bm

poor bush girl when the sum - mer is high in the

13

(fill) Em

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ston - ey hills of Gun da - gai

18

intro & bridge

Em

A

G

D

1st verse & chorus

Bare legged Kate with your natural grace,
The big sad eyes in the Irish face.

A poor bush girl when the summer is high
In the stony hills of Gundagai

bridge

Bare legged Kate why do you weep
When the men ride by with their travelling sheep
Does the sight of the drover make you sad?
Do you think of the father you never had?

chorus & bridge

Bare legged Kate why do you run,
Down to the creek in the setting sun,
Down where the eyes of the world cannot see -
Run Kate run from poverty

chorus & bridge

Bare legged Kate, there is gold in the hills
But you know that the cyanide process kills.
Poisons the miners and cuts them down
In the mean little homes below the town.

chorus & bridge

Bare legged Kate, when the floods come down
It's the poor on the creek are the ones who
drown:
When the great Murrumbidgee is thundering by
Through the haunted hills of Gundagai.

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