

# Eureka Lead

(The tune is The Parting Glass; see elsewhere on this list)

By Kenneth Cook, ca 1960

The song (see <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CemoDoPDWyM>) is an early work by novelist-songwriter Kenneth Cook. He doubtless wrote the words, and his wife, Patricia Cook probably set it to the Irish tune. It appears in Cook's play 'Stockade', which had its first production in 1971. The words and music appear in the book of the play, published by Penguin Books in 1975.

The song was included on William Clauson's second LP of Australian folk songs, c.1962. which was titled 'All Among the Wool, Boys'; see <http://www.williamclauson.com/albums/>. On the record the song is given the attribution 'Trad. Arr. Cook-Clauson', but the 'trad' part would apply only to the tune.

Cook was in the habit of not claiming authorship of his lyrics, a practice which has resulted in a number of his songs – such as the well-known 'Cross of the South' – erroneously being recorded by other artists as 'traditional'.

- Keith McKenry