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# Time out of Mind

The Story of Simon McDonald



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Creswick, an old goldmining town near Ballarat, is justly proud of the notable people born there. Not the least of these was Simon McDonald, who was born in 1907, and lived almost his entire life in the district working as a bush labourer, a woodcutter, and gold fossicker. His life story makes a readable, social document, but his remarkable talent was as a traditional singer and musician and reciter of his own topical verses. Most of his poems and songs, words and melody, are a special feature of *Time Out of Mind*.

Hugh Anderson gathered the material for this book, his 52nd publication, from Simon McDonald while living at Ballarat where he was Principal of a local primary school. Several of his books deal with local and State history, but more are concerned with aspects of Australian folksong and popular culture.

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