

Darby Ross Tjampitjinpa, Ngapa Manu Yankirri Jukurrpa (Water and Emu Dreaming), 1989.

I was delighted today to happen across this rendition of Psalm 23, by the Rev Ron Williams:

My big fella boss up in the sky is like the father emu.

He will always look after me and take me to green grass,

And lead me to where the water holes are full and fresh all the time.

He leads me away from the thick scrub

and helps me keep safe from the hunters, dingoes and eagles.

At night time when I'm very lonely and sad,

I will not be afraid, for my Father covers me with His feathers like a father emu.

His spear and shield will always protect me. My big fella boss always gives me a good feed in the middle of my enemies.

In hot times he makes me sit down in a cool shade and rest.

He gives me plenty of love and care all of my life through.

Then I will live with my big fella boss like a father emu, that cares for his chickens in good country full of peace and safety,

Forevermore and evermore.