Karijini Malcolm Smith

I'm sitting here in the Karijini Under the shade of a mulga tree Dreaming about the great Warlu Long long time ago

He came from the sea onto the land When the earth was soft as time began He carved the gorges where the waters flow Long long time ago

For thousands of years my people lived here Nothing changed from year to year And the children learned what they should know About the long ago

Then white men came with their colonial schemes Cattle and sheep and their loud machines They took our land all for their own Not so long ago

They took my grandfather's burial place Of his sacred hill they left no trace They said they wanted the iron ore Two generations ago

Now they want to preserve the Karijini For all the world's people to come and see And we hope that understanding grows Of all our long agos

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