

The Philip Song



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For Ranger Fred, Ranger Dennis
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**Governor Philip, he wasn't that smart
 Said Australia was British ...just for a start
 He needed the dye for the Redcoats to wear
 That's why he brought in the prickly pear
 A century later the thing was a curse
 Millions of acres gettin' steadily worse
 Till Alan Dodd, Queensland's favourite son
 Undid the damage that Philip had done**

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 That anything that digs up and buggers this space
 Ought to be shot or be driven away
 That's pretty ripe for us White Blokes to say
 We brought in the foxes, the rabbits, the flu
 The canetoads, the pox just to name but a few
 Now they say that we all should shoot a feral or two
 Governor Philip what about you?**

**Captain John Philips was longing for home
 For the fields where the badgers and otters would roam
 In the depth of his loneliness, longing and need
 He sent home for six sets of rabbits to breed
 But he wasn't that bright and he drank a bit much
 On the midsummer night when they dug through the hutch
 A trillion pairs on we were feelin' the strain
 and, yes, it was someone named Philip again**

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**Now some people say, "Global Warming's a hoax
It just one of the Left's more elaborate jokes!"
Every time I turn round they are signing a lease
With their mates in the coal and the oil companies
Down at The Servo it's perfectly plain
As we go in to use up what oil still remains
A century on, will our grandkids be sayin'
"We were goin' ta Fillup all over again?"
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Captain John Philips! What about you?
And if you wont Save the Planet... Then what about you?**