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Australia

Australia, where can I begin,
What a wonderful country to be born in,
Of beaches where the surf just roars,
And so much more in the great outdoors

The towering gum, the blazing sun,
The magpie song, kookaburras having fun,
Koala sleeping in the fork of a tree,
And lets not forget this diverse country

The red soil landscape that goes on forever,
Farmers battling drought and weather,
The drovers, the shearers, the pioneers,
And original owners, who over the years,
Made this place unique and exciting,
Forgetting the flies and the creatures biting,

Mother nature deserves some praise,
Even though she has, some quirky ways,
There is nowhere else on this great earth,
The amazing land of my birth,
Australia, you will always be,
The only place in this world for me.

Barbara Rayment, Tumbulgum