

We're going bush, fiddle dum dee!



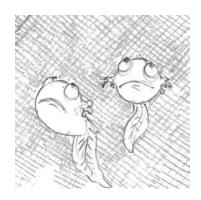
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Crash! Bang! Wallop! Fiddle dum dee!

Sun up! Play! Mumma look ... wheee!





Helping, mumma! Fiddle dum dee! Bottle, apple, cheese, sling, bread, hat, me!



Hooray! We're off! Fiddle dum dee! We're going bush! What will we see?



Hello neighbours! Fiddle dum dee! See you later Sha! Wave to little Chi!



Smell the earthy bush, fiddle dum dee! Nest! Baby birdies! One, two, three!



Look mumma! Look dadda! Fiddle dum dee! A funny furry possum is dancing in the tree!



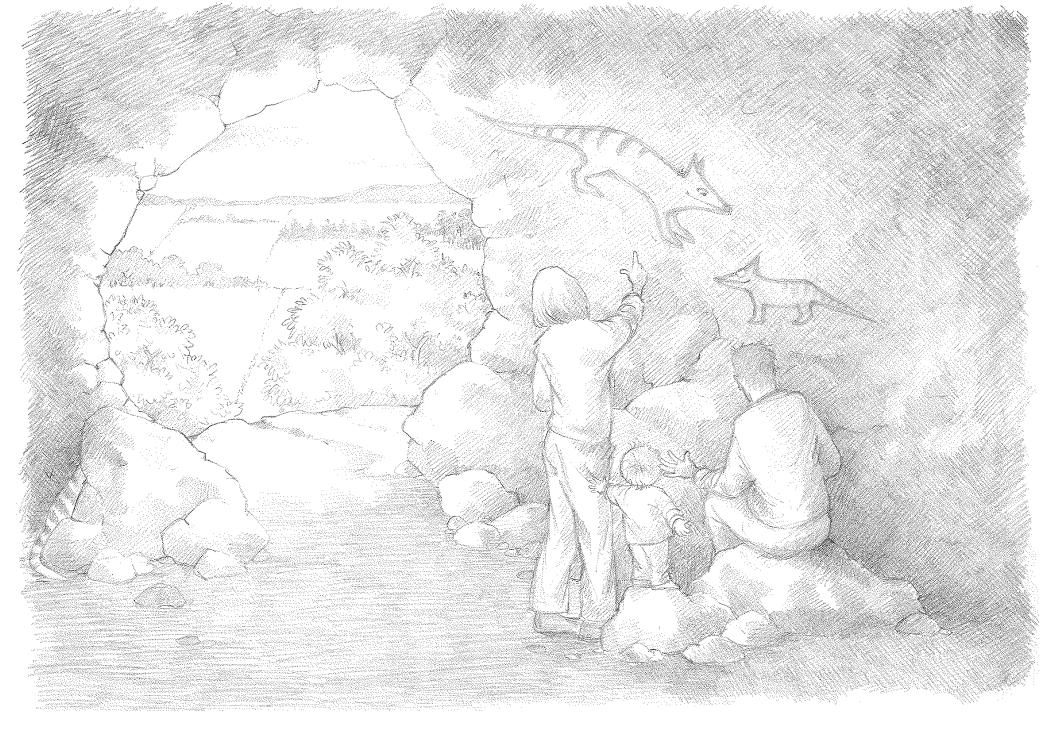
Sit down, ground! Fiddle dum dee! Bottle dadda, bottle! Cake ... YUMMY!



Ripples in the water, fiddle dum dee! Splashing tail, jumping! Funny fishy!



Hiding ... sshh ... fiddle dum dee. Shy little bandicoot. Dont tickle me!



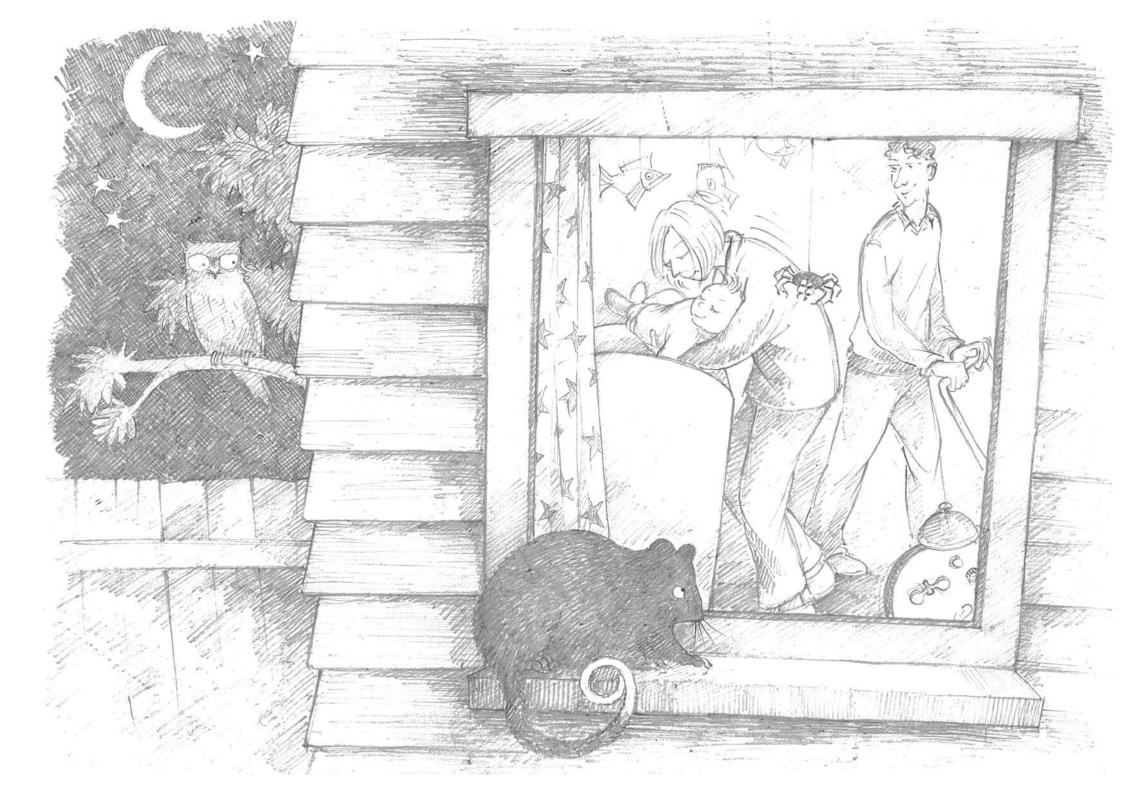
Growling on the wind, fiddle dum dee. Tiger dreaming country. Where can she be?



Singing to the sun down, fiddle dum dee. Weary, happy cuddles in the cool salty breeze.

Rest now little one, fiddle dum dee.

Swirling bush dreams, of leaf, stone and sea.



When I heard the learn'd astronomer,
When the proofs, the figures, were ranged in columns
before me,
When I was shown the charts and diagrams, to add, divide
and measure them,
When I sitting heard the astronomer where he lectured
with much applause in the lecture-room,
How soon unaccountable I became tired and sick,
Till rising and gliding out I wander'd off by myself,
In the mystical moist night-air, and from time to time,
Look'd up in perfect silence at the stars.

Walt Whitman



