Show the Country

(music, lyrics and instruments – Frank Gaylard, vocals – Tim Ward, mixing – Jim Sismanes)

Through the eastern ranges, William Barak walked

Family, friends and strangers listened when he talked

He found a place of refuge – where they could live and work

The spirit of the country – they called it Coranderrk.

We will show the country, we can work the land

We will make it pay, we will take a stand.

From Coranderrk to Melbourne, they walked both night and day

To tell the Board their story, to stand and have their say

Some people came together, some people stayed apart

Barak talked of justice – he spoke right from the heart.

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(Break)

Barak showed the country, a message clear and true

The people gained some victories, but there were losses too

A wife, a son, a family – sadness they could not hide

They lost the land they lived on, but never lost their pride.

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We will make it pay, we will take a stand.