

Lives were ruined,
Traditions lost, forever.
We tore the country apart,
Instead of living together.
Broken lives,
Broken hearts.
Broken peace,
From the start.
We are responsible.
Admit the terrible truth.
We can't change what happened.
The horrors they saw in youth.
But we can do one thing.
While respecting we were wrong.
It's isn't too much,
But our stubbornness is too strong.
So we must say sorry,
However hard it may be.
Sorry for all that happened
When heartbreak was a guarantee.
We say sorry.
For the unfair way they were treated,
Whilst our country's justice slid.
We say sorry.
For all the damage we caused.
For what we unrightfully took,
For the things we abused.
We say sorry.
For the way they were perceived,
They were right all along,
While we were such thieves.
We say sorry.
For all the destruction that took place.
For the rights they didn't have,
Because they belong to a different race.
If had been us instead,
Maybe we'd understand.
That it was completely wrong.
It was never truly our land.
Now everyone knows,
On each library's bookshelf.
The terrible events that happened,
That shattered lives and Australia itself.
All we can do now,
Is stop being so blind.
Accept that it was our fault.
To be clam, respectful and kind.
And to learn from our mistakes,
United as one nation.
United in peace and kindness,
United in reconciliation.