

## - The Tree of Knowledge -

The Tree of Knowledge was **poisoned**,/ but not killed.// It sounds/ like the opening line/ of a fantasy novel,/ but it is history:/ Australian history.// The nearly 200-year-old tree/ is a **monument**/ to Australian workers.// Its leaves **shaded** the men/ of the Great Sheep Shearers Strike of 1891.// That year,/ the fight for better **treatment** at work/ nearly turned into a war.// The workers had guns,/ so the Australian **army** was called in/ to keep the peace/ for **frightened** business owners.//

'The first shot fired/ will maybe cause the Australian Revolution'/ read one **report**/ on 22 February 1891.// Thankfully,/ **self-control** won the day,/ and though the leaders of the strike were **gaoled**,/ no one was killed/ in the **riots**.// The workers eventually won **protection**/ for Australians/ in a peaceful, **democratic** way./ The memory of the men/ under the Tree of Knowledge/ lives on in the song *Waltzing Matilda*/ and the powerful **ballad**/ *The Band Played Waltzing Matilda*.//

知識の木は毒を盛られた / しかし死には至らなかった// それは聞こえる / 出だしの一文のように / ファンタジー小説の / だがこれは歴史だ / オーストラリアの歴史である // ほぼ200年ものの木は / 記念碑である / オーストラリアの労働者にとって // その葉は男たちのために日陰をつくった / 1891年に起こった羊毛刈り労働者による大規模ストライキの // その年 / 職場でのより良い待遇を求める闘いは / ほとんど戦争と化した // 労働者は銃を持っており / そのためオーストラリア軍が出動することになった / 治安を維持するべく / 脅かされている経営者のために //

一発でも銃弾が放たれれば / おそらくオーストラリア革命を引き起こすだろう / と、ある報告書には書かれている / 1891年2月22日の // ありがたいことに / 自制心が事態を収め / ストライキの指導者たちは投獄されたが / 誰ひとりとして死なずに済んだ / その騒乱のなかで // 労働者は結果的に保護を勝ち取った / オーストラリア人のための / 平和的で、民主的な方法で // その男たちの記憶は / 知識の木の下に集った / 「ワルチング・マチルダ」\*という歌のなかに生き続けている / そして力強いバラード / 「The Band Played Waltzing Matilda」のなかにも // \*「ワルツを踊る」という意味の英語 waltzing は、オーストラリア英語で「寝袋を担いで放浪する」の意味

### Vocabulary and Phrases

poison	毒する	revolution	革命
monument	碑	report	報告
shade	陰で覆う (羊毛を)刈る	self-control	自制力
shear	ストライク	gaol	刑務所/牢獄
strike	扱い	riot	騒動
treatment	軍	protection	保護
army	脅かす	democratic	民主的
frighten		ballad	歌謡曲

### Total Number of words used

: 158 words

Time for 100 wpm

: 95 sec.

Time for 120 wpm

: 79 sec.

Your BEST TIME

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**【Listen & Fill Blank】**

The Tree of \_\_\_\_\_ was poisoned, but not \_\_\_\_\_. It \_\_\_\_\_ the opening line of a fantasy novel, but it is history: \_\_\_\_\_ history. The nearly 200-year-old \_\_\_\_\_ is a monument to Australian workers. Its leaves \_\_\_\_\_ of the Great Sheep Shearers Strike of 1891. That \_\_\_\_\_, the fight for better treatment at work \_\_\_\_\_ turned into a war. \_\_\_\_\_, so the Australian army was called in to keep the peace for frightened business owners.

'The first shot fired will \_\_\_\_\_ cause the Australian Revolution' read one report on \_\_\_\_\_. Thankfully, self-control won the day, and though the leaders of the strike were gaoled, no one was killed in the \_\_\_\_\_. The workers \_\_\_\_\_ won protection for Australians in a peaceful, democratic way. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the men under the Tree of Knowledge lives on in the song *Waltzing \_\_\_\_\_* and the powerful ballad *The Band Played Waltzing Matilda*.

**【Q&A / A&Q】**

**Question 1:** Where is the Tree of Knowledge?

**Question 2:** How did Australians win workers' rights in the 1890s?

**Question 3:** What is your favourite tree? Why?

**Ask 1:** 答えが「gaol」である質問を英語で書いてください

**Ask 2:** Australiaについての質問を英語で書いてください

**Ask 3:** 本文について知りたいことを英語で1つ書いてください

**Sample Answer 1:**

Australia, the Pacific Ocean, Earth, the Milky Way, the Universe as experienced by Australians.

**Sample Answer 2:** Strikes. Self-control. Peaceful, democratic methods.

By not shooting. Not by revolution, but by cooperation.

**Sample Answer 3:** Christmas tree because I like presents.

Bonsai trees because they are small and cute.

Cherry trees because the flowers are pretty.

Apple trees because I like apples, and am hungry.

**Sample Question 1:** Where did the leaders of the 1891 sheep strike go?

**Sample Question 2:** Does Australia exist?

Why is Australia upside down?

What animals live in Australia?

How many Australians does it take to change a light bulb?

**Sample Question 3:** Where did the workers get their guns?

Why did the sheep shearers strike?

What does the strike have to do with the song *Waltzing Matilda*?

Do you like sheep?