Background Information
This song was written in 1987.
Its lyrics are filled with many historic and cultural references.
Its popularity has allowed it to join the ranks of other patriotic songs considered as alternatives to the Australian National Anthem.

Song Analysis Worksheet

Before Listening:
Song Title: ____________________________ Artist: ____________________ Year: __________
Based on the title, what you know about this particular artist, and what you know about this time period, what do you predict this song will be about?

During Listening: Personal Response
1. What emotion/s do you feel while listening to this song?
2. What events in your life, if any, does this song make you think about?

Analytical Response
2. List any instruments, including voice, you hear in the song.
3. What lyrics stand out to you?
4. Think of the song in terms of its organization (beginning, middle, end; or stanza by stanza; or stanzas and refrain), and the relationship of the music to the lyrics. At what point is the music:

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After Listening:
1. What is the message the artist is trying to convey in this song?
2. Who is the intended audience for this song? Why do you think this?
3. How would you classify the genre of this song?
4. What is the mood of this song?
5. How do the technical elements above contribute to the mood and meaning of this song?
I am, You are, We are Australian

I came from the dream-time, from the dusty red soil plains
I am the ancient heart, the keeper of the flame,
I stood upon the rocky shore, I watched the tall ships come,
For forty thousand years I've been the first Australian.

We are one, but we are many,
And from all the lands on earth we come
We share a dream and sing with one voice;
I am, you are, we are Australian.

I came upon the prison ship, bowed down by iron chains,
I cleared the land, endured the lash and waited for the rains,
I'm a settler, I'm a farmer's wife on a dry and barren run,
A convict then a free man, I became Australian.

CHORUS

I'm the daughter of a digger who sought the mother lode
The girl became a woman on the long and dusty road,
I'm a child of the depression, I saw the good times come,
I'm a bushy, I'm a battler, I am Australian.

CHORUS

I'm a teller of stories, I'm a singer of songs,
I am Albert Namatjira, I paint the ghostly gums,
I am Clancy on his horse, I'm Ned Kelly on the run,
I'm the one who waltzed Matilda, I am Australian.

CHORUS

There are no words of comfort that can hope to ease the pain,
Of losing homes and loved ones the memories will remain,
Within the silent tears you’ll find the strength to carry on
You’re not alone, we are with you. We are Australian!

CHORUS

There are so many heroes whose stories must be told,
They fought the raging fires of hell and saved so many souls,
From the ashes of despair our towns will rise again!
We mourn your loss, we will rebuild. We are Australian!

CHORUS

I'm the hot wind from the desert, I'm the black soil of the plains
I'm the mountains and the valleys, I'm the drought and flooding rains
I am the rock, I am the sky, the rivers when they run
The spirit of this great land, I am Australian

CHORUS

We are one ….. We are many ….. We are Australian!