**Spirit of Australia**

 **© Donna Dyson (Lyrics and music) and Damien Leith (Bridge)**

**We’re the spirit of Australia**

**Our ancient far reached land**

**We are the spirit of our nation**

**From the outback desert sand**

**We are older than our dreamtime**

**And younger than our rain**

**We are the spirit of Australia**

**We’re the torchlight and the flame**

**We come from town and country**

**And the far drought stricken plain**

**Where the sunshine lasts forever**

**And we never see the rain**

**We come from ocean coastlines**

**Where it’s summer all year ‘round**

**Where the beaches stretch forever**

**And we walk on sacred ground**

**Chorus**

**We are the spirit of Australia**

**We are the heartbeat and the truth**

**We are the dreamers**

**…under our southern stars**

**We are the spirit of Australia**

**Verse 3:**

**Our Golden coast-lined beaches**

**And ancient Uluru**

**From our coral reefs and gum trees**

**To our flying kangaroos**

**Our country towns and outback**

**And cities bright and bold**

**The Opera House and sporting fields**

**Our land of green and gold.**

***Chorus***

Bridge:

***We are the land of a thousand faces***

***uniting nations far and wide***

***And un/der/neath our southern cross***

***We’re standing side by side***

(Call)

***We are the***

***We are the***

Chorus

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