Kookaburra

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One of the things I love about this site is having people send me the true origins of songs that we have long considered "Traditional". A correspondent from the author's music publishing company in Australia was kind enough to send me the songwriter background on this lovely round. The company was quite kind to allow me to continue sharing the song as is, with its new, proper attribution.

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree

A D A

*Merry, merry king of the bush is he.

A D A

Laugh, Kookaburra! Laugh, Kookaburra!

A D

Happy your life must be.

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree *Eating all the gumdrops he can see. Stop, Kookaburra! Stop, Kookaburra! Save some drops for me!

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree *Counting all the monkeys he can see. Stop, Kookaburra! Stop, Kookaburra! That's not a monkey, that's me!

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