

THE LAST ANZAC

'The last of our Anzac soldiers, Tasmanian Alec Campbell, died in 2002, aged 103, after leading an extraordinarily active life. Having lied about his age to join the army, he was a Gallipoli veteran when evacuated at age 17. For the rest of his life he campaigned for peace. After his death, this song was composed by Michael Travers, a primary school teacher, and the song appeared in the 2005 ABC schools singing booklet. It's appropriately titled, The Last Anzac'

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1. Every year we remember in April and November,

The boats on the water, carrying the brave.

They heard the deadly order, to run through the water,

It's time for you to jump boys, you're fighting to be free.

2. And with every year passing our nation's soul's been marching,

Through country towns and city streets their memory lives on,

And when peaceful rays of sunlight, my face shine upon,

Feeling somehow different cause the last Anzac's gone

3. If we need to solve a problem, can we talk it through,

The water looks much better, better when it's blue,

Remember the last Anzac and how he cried for peace.

Forever under gum trees, blue skies over me.

4. I ask myself the question, time and time again,

The world is so much different, but some things stay the same,

As we ride treacherous waters, may our hearts calm the seas

Will we hold the Anzac courage and join our hands in peace?

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(Michael Travers)