

Here's a flag for all

Our Flag

Our flag bears the stars that blaze at night,
In our southern sky of blue,
And the little old flag in the corner,
That's part of our heritage too.
It's for the English, the Scots and the Irish,
Who were sent to the ends of the earth,
The rogues and schemers, the doers and dreamers,
Who gave modern Australia birth.
And you, who are shouting to change it
You don't seem to understand,
It's the flag of our law and our language,
Not the flag of our far away land.
There are plenty of people who'll tell you,
How when Europe was plunged into night,
That little old flag in the corner,
Was their symbol of freedom and light.
It doesn't mean we owe allegiance,
To a forgotten imperial dream,
We've the stars to show where we're going,
And the old flag to show where we've been.

— By an unknown soldier.

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