

AUSTRALIA

A kookaburra is a type of bird. Sing this song fairly quickly, and make sure the chords in the piano accompaniment sound light and bouncy. The first four measures are an introduction. You could try tapping some claves to the rhythm of the tune.

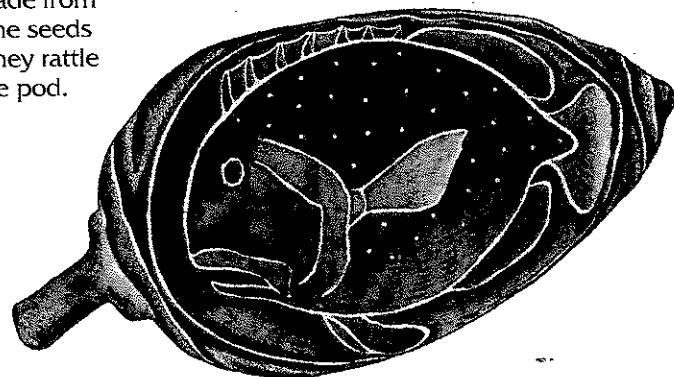
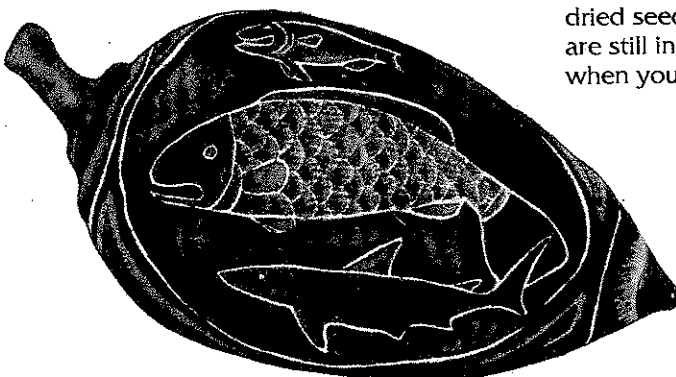
Kookaburra

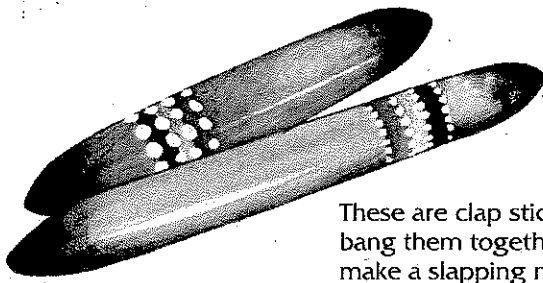
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Koo - ka - bur - ra sits on the old gum tree, _____

Mer - ry mer - ry king of the bush is he. _____

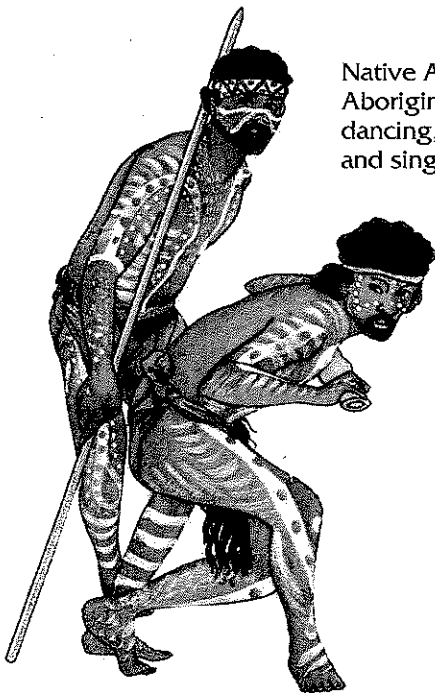
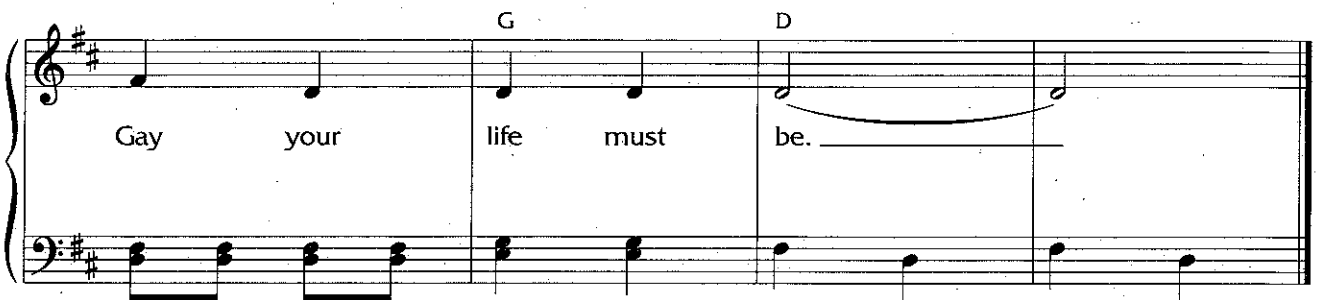
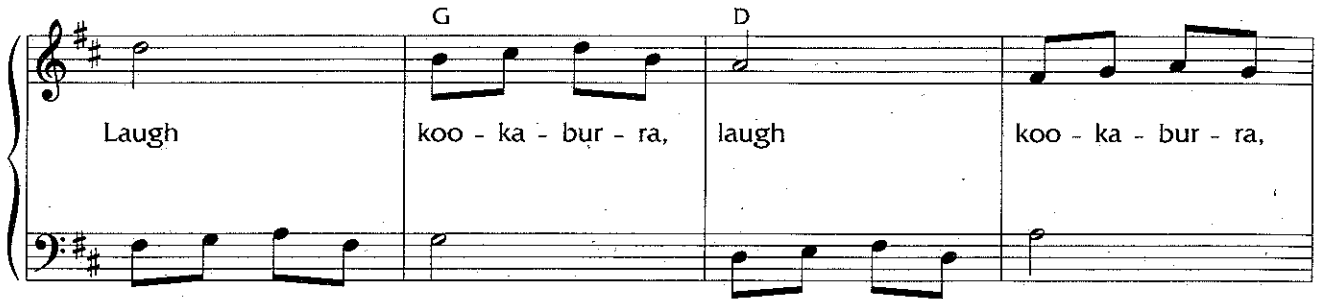
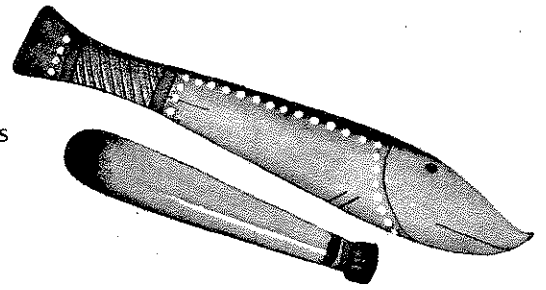
These rattles are made from dried seed pods. The seeds are still inside, so they rattle when you shake the pod.





These are clap sticks. You bang them together to make a slapping noise.

To play this instrument you scrape the smooth stick against the carved part. It makes a grating sound.



Native Australians, called Aborigines, often combine dancing, storytelling, music and singing.

A didgeridoo is a long tube made from a hollow tree branch. You blow at one end, moving your lips and tongue. It makes lots of different throbbing and buzzing sounds.

