

ANDERSON'S COAST

(John Warner)

G **D**
But Annie dear, don't wait for me.
C **G**
I fear I shall not return to thee.
G **C**
There's naught to do but endure my fate,
G **C**
And watch the moon, the lonely moon,
G **D** **C** **G**
Light the breakers on wild Bass Strait.

G **D** **G**
Now Bass Strait roars like some great millrace
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--And where are you, my Annie?
Em **C**
And the same moon shines on this lonely place
G **D** **C**
As shone one day on my Annie's face.

We stole a vessel and all her gear
--And where are you, my Annie?
And from Van Diemen's we north did steer
Till Bass Strait's wild waves wrecked us here.

And somewhere west Port Melbourne lies
--And where are you, my Annie?
Through swamps infested with snakes and flies.
The fool who walks there, he surely dies.

We hail no ships, though the time it drags.
--And where are you, my Annie?
Our chain-gang walk and our government rags.
All mark us out as Van Diemen's lags.

We fled the lash and the chafing chain.
--And where are you, my Annie?
We fled hard labour and brutal pain,
And here we are and here remain.