

Le Grand Tour

Come waltzing Matilda,

Australian layered cherts, are you the foundations
Of life and humankind, in iron formations?
Have we to follow you, beautiful hematite?
In our search for life, do you hide magnetite?

What makes oxidation in Archean era?
Is O₂ essential to explain Boolgeeda?
Magnetic BIF with black oxide facies
Are you so primary than hematite facies?

Jaspilitic cherts, Hamersley, Turee Creek,
You fascinate our brain, your profiles are so chic.
Laminations, layers, strata, synclinal fold
You will brighten our eyes and make thoughts become bold.

From Perth to Port Hedland, we will walk on your trails
Thinking of early life, removing hiding veils
One carbon filament! it's mineralogy
One carbon filament! sure it's biology

Come waltzing Matilda
Make us advance with Australia

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