

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree  
Merry, merry king of the bush is he  
Laugh, Kookaburra! Laugh, Kookaburra!  
Gay your life must be



Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree  
Eating all the gum drops he can see  
Stop, Kookaburra! Stop, Kookaburra!  
Leave some there for me

Kookaburra sits in the old gum tree  
Counting all the monkeys he can see  
Stop, Kookaburra! Stop, Kookaburra!  
That's not a monkey that's me

Kookaburra sits on a rusty nail  
Gets a boo-boo in his tail  
Cry, Kookaburra! Cry, kookaburra!  
Oh how life can be

This song was written in 1936, and introduced at a Scout Jamboree in Melbourne, Australia. In case you're wondering, a kookaburra is an Australian bird, and a "gum tree" is also known as a eucalyptus. The "gum drops" that the kookaburra eats in the song are beads of the resinous sap.

As indicated above, this song is subject to copyright. To obtain permission for use, please contact Larrikin Music's USA office at:  
The Copyright Department, Music Sales Corp., 257 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10010