

# Australian Democracy

## VERSE 1

Everyone enjoys the freedom we have living in our land,  
And we're grateful to all those who had to fight  
Making sure our lives were better than they were in times gone by  
For they won for us our democratic rights!

## VERSE 2

There are many ways to govern every country must decide,  
In Australia, by democracy, we're ruled,  
So the major vote determines those elected and who might,  
Represent the people's vision and their views.

## CHORUS

***Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people.  
Use your voice, use your voice, use your voice***

## VERSE 3

We have fundamental freedoms, politics, religion, speech...  
We've a right to individuality,  
But for this to work, remember, everyone must clearly see  
Rights and freedoms bring responsibility!

## VERSE 4

There were Key events and people who enhanced democracy  
Pericles, the Magna Carta and King John,  
Nelson Mandela, he was freed at last to end racial divides  
Abraham Lincoln brought slavery undone.

## CHORUS

## BRIDGE

***(Just Remember) Women battled just to be allowed to vote  
(Just Remember) Even children of our nation had no rights  
(Just Remember) The Aboriginal people were mistreated and abused  
Having children taken from them day and night!***

## VERSE 6

There are many local heroes who have helped democracy,  
Peter Lalor, Edmund Barton, shining lights!  
Solid citizens who fought to improve life for one and all  
Gaining liberty and justice from the fight!

## VERSE 7

For Australia's Constitution, we can thank Sir Henry Parkes,  
He called for Australia's government to be one;  
Though he didn't live to see it, Federal Parliament was formed,  
And what we call Federation, had begun!

## CHORUS

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