

'Australia's Dream, my dream'

Mischa Ford – Year 7, Marymount College

Australia can be an immature face
Of ruthless words and judging race
But we all know that's not right
And yet we don't stand up to the fight
People try and they get hurt
Of personal comments and racial words
And yet we've grown into a better place
Racism still mocks us in our face
My dream is to battle against the wrong
My dream is to stay proud and strong

All the legends who kept steady
Were known as truly pure and deadly
They struggled through thick and thin
And I am standing to honour them
For they stood up and said that's not okay
And they got pushed down and went away
To a better place where culture thrives
On the soil of Country where they survived
My dream is to battle against the wrong
My dream is to stay proud and strong

I am a young girl who lives young and free
But that never happened with the Aborigines
They were whipped and enslaved and murdered at the
least

But we still sing this song like a declaration of peace
Nearly every family were torn apart
Children taken and mothers' broken hearts
Aboriginals died young and were not free
Because they were only considered as slavery
My dream is to battle against the wrong
My dream is to stay proud and strong

You thought my culture would soon have perished
You continued to damage others and make the world
nightmarish
You thought that we would just die out

But through the worst times we never had doubt
You called people such hurtful names
Look at the segregated country we became
We have a national anthem that is a mountain of lies
Piling up to hide the Indigenous Culture worldwide
My dream is to battle against the wrong
My dream is to stay proud and strong

People celebrate one of the worst times of the year
Australia Day is what Aboriginals fear
As it is survival Day when many were killed
But some celebrate all day long till chilled
But this is a day of mourning
A day of suffering and warning
Indigenous people don't see this as the beginning of
Australia

They see this as a brutal ending of failure
My dream is to battle against the wrong
My dream is to stay proud and strong

Adam Goodes, Nicki Winmar and every other Aboriginal
out there

Is known to be a champion, saviour and deadly
everywhere
You inspire young kids to not be ashamed of where
they come from

And to never feel powerless or in a position where
they're uncomfortable

We are appreciative of your work
While some still continue to be a jerk
We all know that this world is upside down
And that you have turned it right side around
My dream is to battle against the wrong
My dream is to stay proud and strong

And that dream won't fade away.

'Afroman'

**Jack Sharkey – Year 8
Mount St Bernard College**



'Beauty of me'

Zahdien Pearson – Year 8, Mount St Bernard College

