Dirranbandi

Mike & Michelle Jackson



arr. Peter McLaren

Composed c. 1979 while Mike, an expatriate Englishman from East Anglia, was a resident of Canberra.

According to Mike the tune came about while he and his wife Michelle were on tour in Queensland. They each elected to be responsible for composing a complete section of the tune, but had composed them in different keys. Arriving at finished tune in one key, they later reflected, was about as difficult a journey as it was to the remote town of Dirranbandi in the far west of Queensland – hence the title of the tune!