

Now I'm Easy

Eric Bogle
(here as played by The Dubliners)

Intro **A E D A**

A **D**
For nearly sixty years, I've been a Cockie
A **E** **D**
Of droughts and fires and floods I've lived through plenty
A **D** **A**
This country's dust and mud have seen my tears and blood
E **D** **A**
But it's nearly over now, and now I'm easy

A **D**
I married a fine girl when I was twenty
A **E** **D**
She died in giving birth when she was thirty
A **D** **A**
No flying doctor then, just a gentle old black 'gin
E **D** **A**
But it's nearly over now, and now I'm easy

A **D**
She left me with two sons and a daughter
A **E** **D**
And a bone-dry farm whose soil cried out for a water
A **D** **A**
So me care was rough and ready, they grew up fine and steady
E **D** **A**
But it's nearly over now, and now I'm easy

A **D**
Me daughter married young, and went her own way
A **E** **D**
Me sons lie buried by the Burma Railway
A **D** **A**
So on this land I've made me home, I've carried on alone
E **D** **A**
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Bridge: one verse instrumental

A **D**
Our city folks these days despise the Cockie
A **E** **D**
Say with subsidies and dole, we've had it easy
A **D** **A**
But there's no drought or starving stock on a sewerred suburban block
E **D** **A**
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NOTES:
Cockie: Australian small-scale family farmer
'Gin ("Jen"): an Australian aboriginal woman
(The term is nowadays considered to be derogatory)