I've Been Everywhere

by Geoff Mack@, as sung by Lucky Starr (1962)

I've been everywhere...

Well, I was humpin' my bluey on the dusty **Oodnadatta** road, When along came a semi with a high and canvas-covered load. (Spoken) "If you're goin' to **Oodnadatta**, mate, um, with me you can ride." So I climbed in the cabin and I settled down inside. He asked me if I'd seen a road with so much dust and sand, I said "Listen, mate, I've travelled ev'ry road in this here land."

Chorus:

Cos "I've been everywhere, man, I've been everywhere, man. 'Cross the deserts bare, man; I've breathed the mountain air, man. Of travel I've had my share, man. I've been ev'rywhere.

Been to:

Tullamore, Seymour, Lismore, Mooloolaba, Nambour, Maroochydore, Kilmore, Murwillumbah, Birdsville, Emmaville, Wallaville, Cunnamulla, Condamine, Strathpine, Proserpine, Ulladulla, Darwin, Gin Gin, Deniliquin, Muckadilla, Wallumbilla, Boggabilla, Kumbarilla, I'm a killer.

Chorus

(Spoken) "Yeah but listen here, mate, have you been to..."

I've been to Moree, Taree, Jerilderie, Bambaroo, Toowoomba, Gunnedah, Caringbah, Woolloomooloo, Dalveen, Tamborine, Engadine, Jindabyne, Lithgow, Casino, Brigalow and Narromine, Megalong, Wyong, Tuggerawong, Wangarella, Morella, Augathella, Brindabella, I'm the feller.

Chorus

(Spoken) "Yeah, I know that, but have you been to..."

I've been to Wollongong, Geelong, Kurrajong, Mullumbimby, Mittagong, Molong, Grong Grong, Goondiwindi, Yarra Yarra, Boroondara, Wallangarra, Turramurra, Boggabri, Gundagai, Narrabri, Tibooburra, Gulgong, Adelong, Billabong, Cabramatta, Parramatta, Wangaratta*, Coolangatta, what's it matter?

Chorus

(Spoken) "Yeah, look that's fine, but how about..."

I've been to Ettalong, Dandenong, Woodenbong, Ballarat, Canberra, Milperra, Unanderra, Captain's Flat, Cloncurry, River Murray, Kurri Kurri, Girraween, Terrigal, Fingal, Stockinbingal, Collaroy and Narrabeen, Bendigo, Dorrigo, Bangalow, Indooroopilly, Kirribilli, Yeerongpilly, Wollondilly, don't be silly.

Chorus

I've been here, there, ev'rywhere, I've been ev'rywhere.

(Spoken) "Okay, mate, you've been ev'ry place except one, and ya don't need my help t'get there." (Sound of door slamming and truck driving off.)

* Wangaratta is usually pronounced so that the "Wang" rhymes with "sang", but on the record it is pronounced "**Wong**aratta"

These are based on the **lyrics** reprinted in *The All-time Favourite Australian Song Book (Angus & Robertson, 1986 edition)*, which I amended slightly after a close listening to Lucky Starr's record. The spelling of some placenames has been corrected after further research by a friend of PopArchives.

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