Music by Ernest Gold

Song "Waltzing Matilda"
Music Marie Cowan
Lyrics A. B. Paterson

Ernest Gold was a prolific and successful feature film and television composer who left Vienna for Hollywood in 1938, part of the wealth of talent from Europe who helped transform the industry, and whose work spanned five decades. His wiki is [here](#).

Gold received an Academy nomination for best scoring of a dramatic picture and his score was released on LP in 1960 in stereo and mono:
LP (stereo) Roulette RL25098 1960
Music composed and conducted by Ernest Gold

Side 1:
1. On The Beach (Main Title) (2'50")
2. Peter and Mary (3'29")
3. The Desolate City (4'02")
4. Let's Call Moira (2'28")
5. Australian Summer Night (5'02")

Side 2:
1. The Boat Race (2'16")
2. The Mysterious Signal (2'20")
3. Home Coming (2'35")
4. Dwight's Visitor (1'00")
5. Take The Final Step (2'32")
6. I Love You (4'23")
7. There's Still Time (2'44")
(This was also re-issued in a limited edition for Sumiya Ltd, Tokyo, Japan in 1980 Roulette GES-3670 SU-1001)

Ainslie Baker in *The Australian Women's Weekly* on 20th January 1960 praised the LP, and Gold's use of *Waltzing Matilda* "for the orchestration should please even the most dyed-in-the-wool patriots".

Gold's version of the tune probably did no more than confirm that it was the 'go to' tune for composers seeking an easy way to evoke Australia - the trick had been popular with Australian films from the moment talkies arrived.

The main theme was also collected on *The Great Film Themes of Ernest Gold*:

The theme music was also collected in a number of film music compilations:
Frank Chacksfield and his orchestra also had a crack at the love theme on a 45, confirming in a back-handed way that Gold had delivered a popular melody:
Gold's score has most recently been released on CD by the Film Score Monthly, in association with Gold's score for *The Secret of Santa Vittoria*. 
The *On the Beach* tracks occupy the first twelve tracks:

1. Main title
2. Peter and Mary
3. The Desolate City
4. Let's Call Moira
5. Australian Summer Time
6. The Boat Race
7. The Mysterious Signal
8. Homecoming
9. Dwight's Visitor
10. Take the Final Step
11. I Love You
12. There's Still Time

*(Below: Ernest Gold)*