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On any given evening but Sunday, approximately,
Five million Australian men must be crowding the pubs
Jostling and yarning and slowly getting grogged
On super-strength, super-cooled, super-Australian beer.

A proper Britisher once asked me if I ever had trouble
With Aussies wanting to start fights with me.
He said he'd had no trouble at all in the USA,
Except that once in New York on the Brooklyn Bridge
One young fellow commented to another as he passed:
"Oh, I say, isn't it a pity that we lost India?!"

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