

# **BENDIGO 4W**

The gold rush was the starting point, of the place that we call home,  
They came in search of fortune, from far away they roamed.  
Life was hard, in cold and rain, in dusty times and drought.  
They settled here, they made a town, we're glad they stuck it out.

**Bendigo, the place we know, the place we know and love  
Where families and friendships fit like a hand inside a glove.  
Happy people, friendly folk, ready with a smile,  
Nothing's very far away, good living, country style.**

We're bigger than a country town, much bigger – than Shelbourne,  
But smaller than the big smoke, much smaller – than Melbourne.  
We have here all the things we need, and all the things we like.  
You can walk down to the heart of town or get there on your bike.

The fountain is the central point, the place where main roads meet,  
It was made in 1881, and is found near Mitchell Street.  
The Q E O in Bendigo is very well renowned,  
The citizens from far and wide know that it's our sporting ground.

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At the information centre they'll tell you where to go  
The poppet head, the Shamrock, are big in Bendigo,  
The Central Deborah Goldmine, the very first Myer store,  
The Goldfields library, Chinese Museum, and restaurants galore.

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When you come to Bendigo you'll have a brilliant time,  
The place is steeped in history and the food is just divine,  
You'll meet terrific people, and see amazing things,  
Some day soon you'll come right back to do it all again. CHORUS