

# ***DESTINY 2006***

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2005, Telstra Stadium,  
16<sup>th</sup> of November,  
A night of fairy-tale football,  
A night we'll always remember.

A glistening atmosphere in the stadium,  
It looked like a mammoth mine,  
A sea of gold in the stands,  
Urging Australia to shine.

Uruguay earned many free kicks,  
Early in the first term,  
Determined in defence,  
The Socceroos held firm.

Recoba had a golden opportunity,  
But sent the shot wide,  
There was something in the air that night,  
Luck was on Australia's side.

Inspirational Kewell came on,  
And although somewhat abrupt,  
Genius Guus knew what to do,  
To make Australia erupt.

Harry loped like lightning, and dented the defence,  
Australia was now on a roll,  
He weaved though opposition,  
And Bresciano scored the goal.

Australia dominating after the break,  
It seemed a goal was due,  
But they just couldn't find a second,  
That would send them through.

Even after extra time,  
There was somewhat a goal drought,  
And so it would be tension and drama,  
The dreaded penalty shootout.

Harry's penalty from the spot,  
Was never going to go astray,  
Kewell as a cucumber,  
Putting the ball away.

Soaring Mark Schwarzer,  
Put Australia on top,  
Rodriguez was denied,  
By an unbelievable stop.

Lucas Neill, man of the match,  
Next to score from the spot,  
As clean as a whistle,  
As smooth as a sailing yacht.

Vidmar in his fourth campaign,  
Would not fail anymore,  
Kicking a clean penalty,  
Making the crowd roar.

With Australia ahead and looking set,  
There was to be a cruel twist,  
Captain Viduka took his penalty,  
And agonisingly, missed!

It was all square again,  
For Uruguay, it would not suffice,  
Schwarzer saved another screamer,  
Lightning had struck twice.

With lightning would come a storm of happiness,  
For everyone down under,  
It was about to rain tears of joy,  
And the people would be louder than thunder.

Aloisi stepped up bravely,  
With the hopes of a nation,  
He scored, sending Australia,  
Into ecstasy and elation.

Their dreams became a reality,  
After all the torture and all the tears,  
It was Australia going to the World cup,  
After 32 long years.

Super coach Guus Hiddink,  
Was to get a special cheer,  
The mastermind of the famous victory,  
The architect, the engineer.

Through all the perfect passing,  
Through all the courageous kicks,  
This was Australia's night,  
It was finally, DESTINY 2006!

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