

# RISE UP – David Arden

## (1st Verse)

James Arden was a tribal man, From the Gunditjmara Nation, He came from Gariwerd, **Where his bloodlines began.**

Where the Gunditjmara People, Lived, of the Land. He's Law, He's Dreaming, And He's Cultural Ways.

## (1st Chorus)

**Rise Up, Rise Up, Who Will Understand.**

Meerta, Meerta, winya wanga

**Rise Up, Rise Up, Who Will Make A Stand.**

Meerta, meerta, winya karta

## (2nd Verse)

James was, 43 years old, And a father of six, He Joined, The military, in the First World War, To fight for, Freedom, To **become his own man.**

James work as a, Horse breaker, For the Light Horse brigade.

## (2nd Chorus)

**Rise Up, Rise Up, Who Will Understand.**

Meerta, Meerta, winya wanga

**Rise Up, Rise Up, Who Will Make A Stand.**

Meerta, meerta, winya karta

## (3rd Verse)

In 1916, Against All Odds.

James, made a stand, To fight, **For what is rights.**

Against, The Missionaries, And the station manager.

Who wished to control, Every movements of the Gunditjmara Clan.

## (3rd Chorus)

**Rise Up, Rise Up, Who Will Understand.**

Meerta, Meerta, winya wanga

**Rise Up, Rise Up, Who Will Make A Stand.**

Meerta, meerta, winya karta

## (4th Verse)

James spoke, The Wannan language, like he's ancestors, before him. The keeper of the knowledge, **A proud, Gunditjmara man.**

James live out he's life, With his wife, Christina Austin,

Now his tribe will survive, **On the land, Where he was born.**

Meerta, Meerta, winya wanga

**Rise Up, Rise Up, Who Will Make A Stand.**

Meerta, meerta, winya karta

**Rise Up, Rise Up, Who Will Understand.**

Meerta, Meerta, winya wanga

**Rise Up, Rise Up, Who Will Make A Stand.**

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