

National Anthems of Selected Countries

Country: United States of America

Words by: Francis Scott Key (1779-1843)
Music by: Composer unknown

General Information: The English composer John Stafford Smith (c. 1750-1836) in his fifth collection of glees (1799) published an arrangement of *To Anacreon in Heaven*, the tune to which Francis Scott Key later wrote *The Star Spangled Banner*. This led to his being mistakenly regarded as the composer of the tune. The words and music were officially designated as the National Anthem by Act of Congress, March 3, 1931.

- 1. O say! can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose bright stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
O, say does Star Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*
- 2. On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream;
'Tis the Star-Spangled Banner, O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*
- 3. O thus be it ever when free man shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust.
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.*

Country: Sweden

Words by: Richard Dybeck
(Folklorist .1811-1877)

Music By: Old Swedish Folk Song

General Information: First sung in 1844 with the title, *Sang till Norden* (Song of the North). Its use as a National Anthem dates from 1880-90.

- 1. Thou ancient, thou freeborn, thou high, mountainous North,
In beauty and peace our hearts beguiling!
I greet thee, thou loveliest land upon the earth,
Thy sun, thy skies, thy verdant meadows smiling,
Thy sun, thy skies, thy verdant meadows smiling.*
- 2. Thy throne rests on memories from great days of yore,
When in glory thy name flew over the earth.
I know to thy name thou art true as before.
Yes, I would live and I would die in Sweden,
Yes, I would live and I would die in Sweden.*

Country: Canada

Words by: Sir Adolphe Basile Routhier (1839-1920)
English Version by: Robert Stanley Weir (1856-1926)
Music By: Ca]ixa Lavall'ee (1842-1891)

General Information: Officially adopted 1 July, 1980, with both French and English versions.

- 1. O Canada! Our home and native land!
True Patriot love in all thy sons command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free;
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.*
Chorus:
*God keep our land, Glorious and free!
O Canada! We stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, We stand on guard for thee.*
- 2. O Canada! Where pines and maples grow,
Great prairies spread and lordly rivers flow,
How dear to us thy broad domain,
East to Western sea!
Thou land of hope for all who toil!
Thou True North strong and free!*
Chorus
- 3. O Canada! Beneath thy shining skies
May stalwart sons and gentle maidens rise
To keep thee steadfast thro' the years
From East to Western sea,
Our own beloved native land,
Our True North strong and free.*
Chorus
- 4. Ruler supreme Who hearest humble pray'r,
Hold our dominion in Thy loving care.
Help us to find, O God, in Thee
A lasting rich reward,
As waiting for the better day,
We ever stand on guard.*
Chorus

Country: Switzerland

Words by: There are several versions of this anthem in several languages. Different authors wrote the words in different languages.

Music by: Alberich Zwyssig (1808-18 54)

General Information: The original version dates from 1841. It was adopted by the federal government as the National Anthem in 1961.

- 1. When the morning skies grow red
And o'er us their radiance shed,
Thou, O Lord, appeareth in their light.
When the Alps glow bright with splendour,
Pray to God, to Him surrender,
For you feel and understand
For you feel and understand
That He dwelleth in this land
That He dwelleth in this land.*

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2. *In the sunset Thou art nigh
And beyond the stony sky,
Thou, O loving Father, ever near.
When to Heaven we are departing
Joy and bliss Thou 'lt be imparting,
For you feel and understand
For you feel and understand
That He dwelleth in this land
That He dwelleth in this land.*

3. *When dark clouds enshroud the hills
And grey mist the valley fills,
Yet Thou art not hidden from Thy sons.
Pierce the gloom in which we cower
With Thy sunshine's cleansing power;
For you feel and understand
For you feel and understand
That He dwelleth in this land
That He dwelleth in this land.*

Country: **Zambia**

Words by: They were written collectively
Music by: Mankayi Enoch Sontmga (1904)

General Information: The music was originally written as a hymn at Lovedale Mission in Cape Province, South Africa. The tune became well known throughout a large part of Africa, and the words were translated into many African languages. It became known as the Bantu National Anthem. It was officially adopted by Tanganyika as its National Anthem on the achievement of independence in 1961. New words have been written for Zambia. A competition was held and these words were produced as a composite version after a study of the ideas and the words of the six leading entries in the competition.

1. *Stand and sing of Zambia, proud and free,
Land of work and joy in unity,
Victors in the struggle for the right,
We have won freedom's fight.
All one, strong and free.*

2. *Africa is our own motherland,
Fashioned with and blessed by God's good hand,
Let us all her people join as one,
Brothers under the sun,
All one, strong and free.*

3. *One land and one nation is our ay,
Dignity and peace 'neath Zambia's sky,
Like our noble eagle in its flight,
Zambia, praise to thee.
All one, strong and free.
Praise be to God.
Bless our great nation,
Free men we stand
Under the a flag of our land.
Zambia, praise to thee!
All one, strong and free.*

Country: **Great Britain**

Words by: Author Unknown
Music by: Composer Unknown

General Information: The earliest copy of the words was in the Gentleman's Magazine in 1745. The melody is the same as the National Anthem of Liechtenstein.

1. *God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen:
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us:
God save the Queen.*

2. *O lord our God arise,
Scatter her enemies,
And make them fall:
Confound their politics,
Frustrate their knavish tricks,
On Thee our hopes we fix:
God save us all.*

3. *Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour;
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen.*

Country: **Chile**

Words by: Eusebio Lillo (1826-19 10)
Music by: Ramon Carnicer (1789-185 5)

General Information: The music was adopted September 17, 1947. It was officially recognized as the National Anthem on June 27, 1941. There are five verses .the 5th verse is the verse that is usually sung.

5. *Blue, Chile, they skies spread above thee,
So sweet are the breezes that roam
O'er thy fields richly broidered with flowerlets
That angels might make thee their home!
Grandly rises the snow covered mountain
The rampart bestowed by the Lord,
The rampart bestowed by the Lord,
And the sea like a tranquil fountain
Of thy future whispers its word.
And the sea like a tranquil fountain
Of thy future whispers its word.
Chorus:*

*Dear Homeland accept the vows
On thine altars that Chile shall be
A refuge from foreign oppression
Or the glorious home of the Free!
Or the glorious home of the Free!
Or the glorious home of the Free!*

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Country: **Ethiopia**

Words by: Assefa Gebre-Mariam Tessama (1936)
Music by: Daniel Yohimnes Haggos (1950)

General Information: It was first used on Revolution Day, September 1, 1975.

*Ethiopia, Ethiopia -Ethiopia, be first
In socialism -flourish, be fertile!
Your brave sons have made a covenant,
That your rivers and mountains, your virgin land
Should be a sacrifice for the unity of Ethiopia, for your freedom,
To your honour and renown!
Strive forwards on the road of wisdom,
Gird yourself for the task,
For the prosperity of the land!
You are the mother of heroes -be proud of your sons,
May your enemies perish -may you live forever!*

Country: **Korea**

Words by: Author Unknown
Music by: Eak Tay Ahn (1906-1965)

General Information: The song was originally set to a different tune and sung in Korea for many years. When the government of the Republic of Korea was established on August 15, 1948, this anthem was officially adopted as the National Anthem.

- 1. Tong Hai Sea and Pakdoo Mountain, So long as they endure,
May God bless Korea our land For endless ages to come!*
- 2. Eternally Naarnsann's pine trees Stand like an armour sure,
Through whatever tempest or danger, As our symbol of
strength.*
- 3. North to South bedecked with flowers, Land of beauty rare,
May God keep our country united And preserve our land.*

Country: **Greece**

Words by: Dionysios Solomos (1798-1857)
Music by: Nikolaos Mantzaros (1795-1873)

General Information: This song was chosen as the National Anthem by King George I and was adopted in 1864. There are 158 verses to the song. This anthem is also the National Anthem of Cyprus.

*I shall always recognize you
By the dreadful sword you hold,
As the earth, with searching vision,
You survey, with spirit bold.
'Twas the Greeks of old whose dying
Brought to birth our spirit free.
Now, with ancient valour rising,
Let us hail you, oh Liberty!
Now, with ancient valour rising,
Let us hail you, Liberty,
Now, with ancient valour rising,
Let us hail you, Liberty!*

Country: **New Zealand**

Words by: Thomas Bracken (1843-1898)
Music by: John Joseph Woods (1849-1934)

General Information: The anthem was officially adopted in the Centennial year, 1940. This National Anthem and the National Anthem of Great Britain were given equal status in 1977.

- 1. God of nations at Thy feet
In the bonds of love we meet.
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our Free Land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war.
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.*
- 2. Men of every creed and race
Gather here before Thy face,
Asking Thee to bless this place,
God defend our Free Land.
From dissension, envy, hate
And corruption guard our State,
Make our country good and great,
God defend New Zealand.*
- 3. Peace, not war, shall be our boast,
But, should foes assail our coast,
Make us then a mighty host,
God defend our free land.
Lord of battles, in Thy might,
Put our enemies to flight,
Let our cause be just and right,
God defend New Zealand.*
- 4. Let our love for Thee increase,
May Thy blessings never cease,
Give us plenty, give us peace,
God defend our free land.
From dishonour and from shame,
Guard our country's spotless name,
Crown her with immortal fame,
God defend New Zealand.*
- 5. May our mountains ever be
Freedom's ramparts on the sea,
Make us faithful unto Thee,
God defend our free land.
Guide her in the nations' van,
Preaching love and truth to man,
Working out Thy glorious plan,
God defend New Zealand.*

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Country: **Taiwan**

Words by: Dr. Sun Yat-sen (1866-1925) Music by:
Cheng Mao-yun (1900)

General Information: This music was adopted as the National Anthem in 1929. The words express Dr. Sun's political philosophy of the Three People's Principles, i.e. government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

*"San mm chu I," our aim shall be,
To found a free land, world peace be our stand.
Lead on comrades, vanguards ye are,
Hold fast your aim, by sun and star,
Be earnest and brave, your country to save,*

Country: **Israel**

Words by: Naftali Herz Imber (1856-1909) Music by:
Composer Unknown

General information: *Hatikvah* (the Hope) is now firmly established as the Anthem of the State of Israel as well as the Jewish National Anthem.

*1. While yet within the heart-inwardly
The soul of the jew yearns,
And towards the vistas of the East-eastwards
An eye to Zion looks.
'Tis not yet lost, our hope,
The hope of two thousand years,
To be a free people in our land
In the land of Zion and Jerusalem.
One heart, one soul, one mind, one goal!*

Country: **Tonga**

Words by: Prince Uelingatoni Ngu Tupoumalohi
(18 54-1885)
Music by: Karl Gustavus Schmitt (1834-1900)

General Information: This song was first reported being sung from July 1874. It was probably used earlier than this date.

*Oh, Almighty God above,
Thou art our Lord and sure defense,
In our goodness we do trust Thee
And our Tonga Thou dost love;
Hear our prayer, for though unseen
We know that Thou hath blessed our land;
Grant our earnest supplication,
Guard and save Tupou our King.*

Country: **Japan**

Words by: Selected from the 7th volume of
Kokirzshu, dating from the 9th Century
Music by: Hiromori Hayashi (183 1-1896)

General information: English translation by
Sukuzo Takada. First performed on November
3, 1880, on the Emperor Meiji's birthday, and
approved as National Anthem on August 12,
1893.

*1. May thy peaceful reign last long! May it last for thousands of
years, Until this tiny stone will grow into a massive rock, And
the moss will cover it all deep and thick.*

Country: **Australia**

Words by: Peter Dodds McCormick (1834-1916)
Music by: Peter Dodds McCormick (1834-19 16)

General Information: Adopted as the National
Anthem in 1984. The words were then slightly
changed.

*1. Australians all let us rejoice,
For we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil,
Our home is girt by sea.
Our land abounds in Nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In hist'r/s page, let every stage
Advance Australia fair.*

*Chorus
In joyful strains then let us sing,
"Advance Australia Fair."*

*2. Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia fair.*

Chorus

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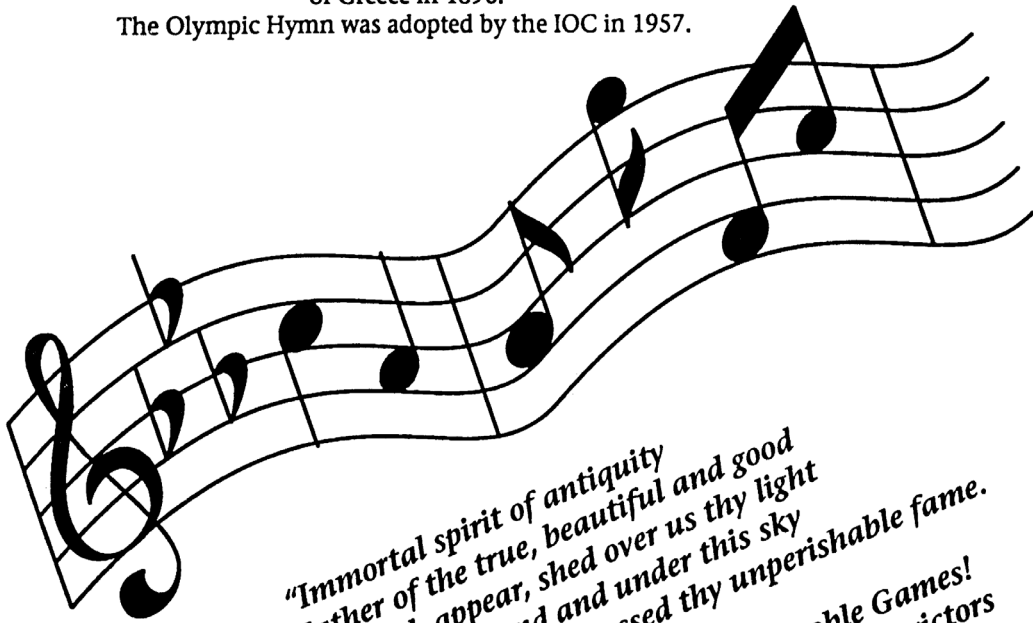
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ford Press, [Poole, New York, and Sydney]*

THE OLYMPIC HYMN

The music of the Olympic Hymn was written by
Greek composer Spirou Samara.

The words were added by Costis Palamas
of Greece in 1896.

The Olympic Hymn was adopted by the IOC in 1957.



*“Immortal spirit of antiquity
Father of the true, beautiful and good
Descend, appear, shed over us thy light
Upon this ground and under this sky
Which has first witnessed thy unperishable fame.*

*Give life and animation to those noble Games!
Throw wreaths of fadeless flowers to the victors
In the race and in the strife!
Create in our breaste, hearts of steel!*

*In thy light, plains, mountains and seas
Shine in a roseate hue and for a vast temple
To which all nations throng to adore thee,
Oh immortal spirit of antiquity!”*

INNO OLIMPICO

(1896)

Libero adattamento per la musica,
dal testo greco di K. PALAMA

Musica di SPIRO SAMARA

Allegro marziale

PIANOFORTE *ff*

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef and contains a series of chords, each marked with a forte (f) dynamic. The lower staff is in bass clef and features a rhythmic accompaniment with eighth notes and triplets, marked with accents and dynamic markings.

The second system continues the musical piece. The upper staff features more complex chordal textures, including some sixteenth-note patterns. The lower staff maintains the rhythmic accompaniment with triplets and accents.

The third system concludes the piece. The upper staff has a final chordal structure, and the lower staff ends with a series of rhythmic patterns and triplets.