




Australian National Anthem

National Anthem (2 verses)

*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 history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair*

*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.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia fair.*





Australian National Anthem – Facts

With regards to its history, on January 1973 Prime Minister Gough Whitlam announced that the Council was on the search for lyrics and music for the Australian National Anthem. The judges selected only six out of the 2500 lyric entries submitted.

The Governor-General officially declared *Advance Australia Fair* as Australia's National Anthem on 19 April 1984. Written and composed by Peter Dodds, it a public expression of joy and pride of being an Australian. It is often sung during special occasions where Australia is being represented overseas, such as in the Olympics. The former national anthem, *God Save the Queen*, it still played at occasions in Australia where members of the Royal family are in attendance.