

# European National Anthems

## United Kingdom

Europe is one of the seven continents of the world.

All the different countries in Europe have their own national anthem.

A national anthem can be a fanfare, a hymn, a march or a song.

The British national anthem, **God Save The Queen**, is one of the oldest national anthems, having been performed since 1745.

### God Save The Queen

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.



## France

**La Marseillaise** is the French national anthem. The text opposite has been translated from the original, which is in French.

It was composed in just one night on April 24, 1792 during the French Revolution by Claude-Joseph Rouget de Lisle.

The words of the anthem are intended to inspire soldiers to defend their country in War.

Marseillaise is a place in France where the soldiers were fighting when the anthem was written.

## La Marseillaise

Arise you children of  
the fatherland

The day of glory has arrived

Against us tyranny

Has raised its bloodied banner

Do you hear in the fields

The howling of these  
fearsome soldiers?

They are coming into your  
midst

To slit the throats of your sons  
and wives!

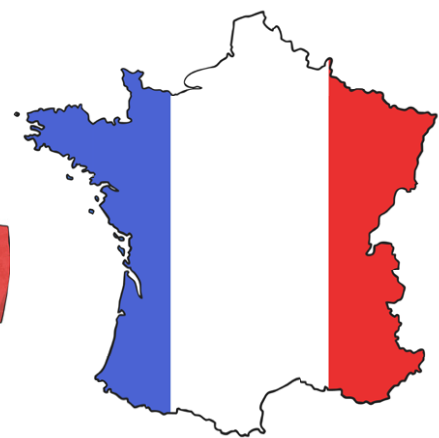
To arms, citizens,

Form your battalions,

Let us march, let us march!

May impure blood

Soak our fields' furrows!

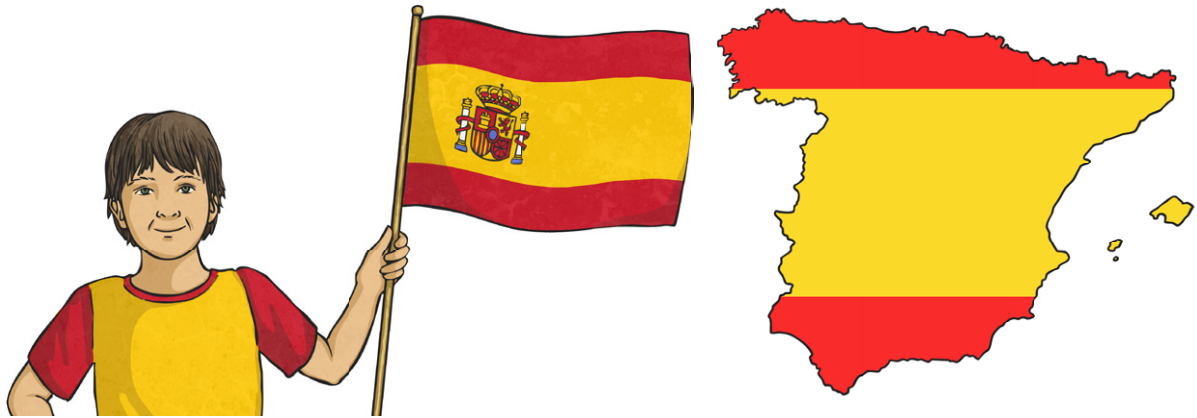


## Spain

The **Marcha Real** is the national anthem of Spain.

In English, the title means 'The Royal March'.

The anthem has no words. It is a melody played by an orchestra.



## Germany

**Deutschlandlied** is the national anthem of Germany. The lyrics below have been translated from the original, which is in German.

In English, the title means 'Song of Germany'.

You may recognise the tune as it is a famous piece of classical music written by the famous composer Joseph Haydn.

### Deutschlandlied

Unity and justice and freedom  
For the German fatherland!  
Let us all strive for this purpose  
Brotherly with heart and hand!  
Unity and justice and freedom  
Are the pledge of happiness;  
Flourish in the glow of  
this happiness,  
Flourish, German fatherland!



## Ireland

The Irish national anthem is called Amhrán na bhFiann. The text below has been translated from the original, which is in Irish Gaeilge.

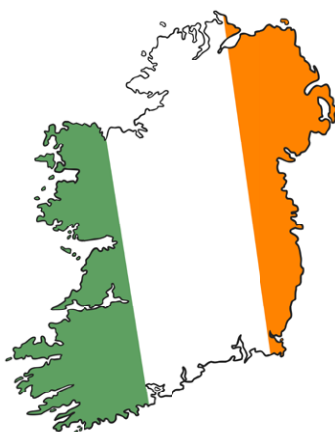
In English, this means 'The Soldier's Song'.

It was written in 1907.

The words of the anthem encourage people to stand up for Irish independence.

### Amhrán na bhFiann

Soldiers are we,  
whose lives are pledged to Ireland,  
Some have come  
from a land beyond the wave,  
Sworn to be free,  
no more our ancient sireland,  
Shall shelter the despot or the slave.  
Tonight we man the gap of danger,  
In Erin's cause, come woe or weal,  
'Mid cannon's roar and rifles' peal,  
We'll chant a soldier's song.



## Europe

The European Union is a group of countries whose governments work together.

The European Union has its own anthem which is a famous piece of classical music.

It is called Ode to Joy and was written by the famous composer Ludvig Van Beethoven.



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