

National Anthems Online

ANDORRA: Himne Andorra

Andorra, officially known as the Principality of Andorra is located in the eastern Pyrenees mountains and bordered by Spain and France. It is a prosperous country mainly because of tourism. The people of Andorra currently have the highest human life expectancy in the world, at an average of just over 83 years. Andorrans lived under a co-principality ruled by French and Spanish leaders for over 700 years. The constitution adopted in 1993 retained the French and Spanish co-princes but reduced their powers. The co-princes are the President of France and the Bishop of Urgel in Spain. They are represented in Andorra by permanent delegates.

El Gran Carlemany (The Great Charlemagne) was composed by Father Enric Marfany Bons, to a text by Joan Benlloch i Vivó (1864-1926). It was adopted as the national anthem in 1914. Cardinal Benlloch y Vivó was a Spanish prelate of the Roman Catholic Church. He served as Archbishop of Burgos from 1919 until his death, and was made a Cardinal in 1921.

There is a tradition that Charlemagne granted a charter to the Andorran people in return for fighting against the Moors of North Africa. This is the reason for his mention in the anthem, which begins, "*The great Charlemagne, my Father, liberated me from the Saracens.*" It continues in the first person singular throughout.

♩ = 120

Father Enric Marfany Bons (1871-1942)

Arranged by Colin Kirkpatrick



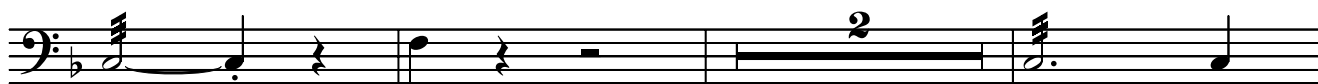
In F, C and Bb

f

7



17

*mf* < *f**f*

22

*ff**molto rit.*

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