

National Anthems Online

AUSTRALIA: Advance Australia Fair

National Days: 26 January (Australia Day); 25 April (Anzac Day)

The song *Advance Australia Fair* was composed by Peter Dodds McCormick who originally hailed from Glasgow. The first public performance was evidently in Sydney in 1878 at the St Andrew's Day concert of the Highland Society and came into print in 1879. It was later sung by a choir of ten thousand at the inauguration of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901, with a few amendments by the composer. In 1974, opinion polls were conducted among about 60,000 people by the Australian Bureau of Statistics and as a result, the government later announced that *Advance Australia Fair* was to be Australia's official anthem. The British anthem, *God Save The Queen* was to be played when British royalty was present. In symphonic band use, if the woodwind section is large enough, trumpets and trombones may be omitted from the last beat of measure 9 until the last beat of measure 15.

P. D. McCormick (1834? - 1916)

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$\text{♩} = 100$

The musical score is written in bass clef with a common time signature (C). It consists of three systems of staves. The first system starts with a dynamic marking of *f* and includes a double bar line with a '2' above it, indicating a two-measure rest. The second system starts with a dynamic marking of *p* and includes a double bar line with a '2' above it. The third system starts with a dynamic marking of *f*, followed by a dynamic marking of *ff*, and ends with a double bar line.

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