

# National Anthems Online

## DENMARK: Kong Kristian

National Days: 11 March, 5 June

The title *Kong Kristian* refers to King Christian IV (1577-1648), one of Denmark's great patriotic leaders. The words of the anthem first appeared in the ballad opera *The Fisherman* by Johannes Ewald which was first performed on 31st January 1780. The tune itself has more obscure beginnings and while often attributed to Judge L. R. Rogert of Bornholm, there seems to be little or no proof to support this theory. Nevertheless, this is one of the oldest anthems in the world. This is Denmark's royal anthem: like a few other countries, there is another anthem intended for public use.

Attributed to L. D. Rogert (1742-1813)

Arranged by Colin Kirkpatrick

♩ = 80

In Eb, Db, Ab. *ff*

5

*mf*

12

*p*

17

*f*

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