

National Anthems Online

HUNGARY: Himnusz

Ferenc Erkel was a well-known Hungarian composer, considered to be the father of Hungarian grand opera. These were written mainly on historical themes and are still sometimes performed in Hungary. He conducted the Budapest Philharmonic Orchestra and was also the director of the Hungarian Academy of Music until 1886. When the Hungarian State Opera House was opened in Budapest in 1884, Erkel was appointed musical director. He is perhaps best known as the composer of *Himnusz* which was adopted as their national anthem in 1844. He set words by the Hungarian Romantic poet Ferenc Kőlesey, whose text evoked the glory of Hungary's past.

Ferenc Erkel (1810-1893)
Arranged by Colin Kirkpatrick

♩ = 60

In Bb, C, D and F

p *cresc.* *ff* *p (f)* *p* *rit.* *cresc.*

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