

# ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR

Australians all let us rejoice,  
for we are young and free;  
We 've golden soil and wealth for toil,  
Our home is girt by sea;  
Our land abounds in nature's gifts  
Of beauty rich and rare,  
In history's page let every stage  
Advance Australia Fair,  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross  
We'll toil with hearts and hands,  
To make this Commonwealth of ours  
Renowned of all the lands,  
For those who've come across the seas  
We've boundless plains to share,  
With courage let us all combine

To Advance Australia Fair.

In joyful strains then let us sing,

Advance Australia Fair.

(Words and music composed by Peter Dodds McCormick --- 1834 -1916)

## **THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM**

This was proclaimed to be Australia's National Anthem by the Governor-General on 19th April, 1984.

An ANTHEM is a vocal psalm or hymn sung responsively with gladness and praise. The first two lines are the key to the Anthem. The "theme" is upbeat and in many ways reflects the Australian character.

(The Royal Anthem, "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN" was previously Australia's national Anthem.)

## **ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR Part One**

AUSTRALIANS therefore wholeheartedly sing the National Anthem: "ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR"

Let us ADVANCE on then AUSTRALIANS, ever onward and upward. "Let us go on . . . through faith and patience inherit the promises." (of GOD!) Hebrews 6:1 & 2

Note that some of the original verses of ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR have been left out of our National Anthem. History is history as written in the original anthem and nothing can change that fact. Facts are stubborn things, difficult for some but a very real joy to others! Captain James Cook

discovered Australia and landed at Botany Bay is history. But here we are now in this present day, alive and well in this great Australia. We are free and blest indeed.

The present moment is ours dear friend and reader of this my recorded thanksgiving to GOD. Having been personally BORN an Australian and TWICE-BORN, as a new creation in Christ, I have sought to put on record heart appreciation for a life time of Australian "fair-go," faith and freedom that has been GOD's gift and grace to me and to so many other Australians. Thank you for taking time to read this.

I am, yours faithfully,

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