

# God Defend New Zealand

## English Version

God of Nations at Thy feet,  
In the bonds of love we meet,  
Hear our voices, we entreat,  
God defend our free land.  
Guard Pacific's triple star  
From the shafts of strife and war,  
Make her praises heard afar,  
God defend New Zealand.  
Men of every creed and race,  
Gather here before Thy face,  
Asking Thee to bless this place,  
God defend our free land.  
From dissension, envy, hate,  
And corruption guard our State,  
Make our country good and great,  
God defend New Zealand.  
Peace, not war, shall be our boast,  
But, should foes assail our coast,  
Make us then a mighty host,  
God defend our free land.  
Lord of battles in Thy might,  
Put our enemies to flight,  
Let our cause be just and right,  
God defend New Zealand.  
Let our love for Thee increase,  
May Thy blessings never cease,  
Give us plenty, give us peace,  
God defend our free land.  
From dishonour and from shame,  
Guard our country's spotless name,  
Crown her with immortal fame,  
God defend New Zealand.  
May our mountains ever be  
Freedom's ramparts on the sea,  
Make us faithful unto Thee,  
God defend our free land.  
Guide her in the nation's van,  
Preaching love and truth to man,  
Working out Thy glorious plan,  
God defend New Zealand.

## Maori Version

E Ihowa Atua,  
O nga iwi matou ra  
Ata whakarongona;  
Me aroha noa  
Kia hua ko te pai;  
Kia tau to atawhai;  
Manaakitia mai  
Aotearoa  
Ona mano tangata  
Kiri whero, kiri ma,  
Iwi Maori Pakeha,  
Rupeke katoa,  
Nei ka tono ko nga hë  
Mau e whakaahu kë,  
Kia ora marire  
Aotearoa  
Tona mana kia tu!  
Tona kaha kia u;  
Tona rongo hei paku  
Ki te ao katoa  
Aua rawa nga whawhai  
Nga tutu a tata mai;  
Kia tupu nui ai  
Aotearoa  
Waiho tona takiwa  
Ko te ao marama;  
Kia whiti tona ra  
Taiawhio noa.  
Ko te hae me te ngangau  
Meinga kia kore kau;  
Waiho i te rongo mau  
Aotearoa  
Tona pai me toitu  
Tika rawa, pono pu;  
Tona noho, tana tu;  
Iwi no Ihowa.  
Kaua mona whakama;  
Kia hau te ingoa;  
Kia tu hei tauira;  
Aotearoa

# THE NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL ANTHEM

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Massed voices:-

*f* God of na-tions at Thy feet In the bonds of love we meet,  
E I- ho-a, A tu-a, O ngā I-wi! Ma-tou-ra,

*f*

Pianoforte

*f*

*Bass*

*8 ves. ad lib.*

Hear our voic-es we en-treat, God de-fend our Free - Land.  
A ta wha-ka ro- ngo-na; Me a-ro-ha no - a.

*ff*

Guard Pa-ci-fic's tri-ple star From the shafts of strife and war;  
Ki-a hu-a ko te star; tau to a-ta-whai;

Make her prais-es heard a-far, God de-fend New Zea-land.  
Ma-na-a-ki- ti-a mai A-o-te-a-ro-a

*8*

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(The New Zealand National Anthem.—arranged for SATB Choir.)

Note:—The melodic version in G Major with Pianoforte accompaniment should always be used for massed singing or public functions. This choral or concert version observes the same harmonic framework but in a higher key and is unsuitable for massed singing and general use.

**Soprano (Top Staff):**

*f* God of I- na- tions at A- Thy tu- feet In O nga I- bonds of wi! love Ma- we meet, tou- ra,

*f* God of I- na- tions at A- Thy tu- feet In O nga I- bonds of wi! love Ma- we meet, tou- ra,

*f* God of I- na- tions at A- Thy tu- feet In O nga I- bonds of wi! love Ma- we meet, tou- ra,

*f* God of I- na- tions at A- Thy tu- feet In O nga I- bonds of wi! love Ma- we meet, tou- ra,

**Alto (Second Staff):**

Hear our voic- es we en-treat, God de-fend our Free Land.  
A- ta wha- ka ro- ngo-na; Me a- ro- ha no- a.

Hear our voic- es we en-treat, God de-fend our Free Land.  
A- ta wha- ka ro- ngo-na; Me a- ro- ha no- a.

Hear our voi- ces we en-treat, God defend our Free Land.  
A- ta wha- ka ro- ngo-na; Me a- ro- ha no- a.

Hear our voi- ces we en-treat, God de-fend our Free Land.  
A- ta wha- ka ro- ngo-na; Me a- ro- ha no- a.

**Tenor (Third Staff):**

Guard Pa- ci- fic's tri- ple star From the shafts of strife and war,  
Ki- a hu- a ko- te tau to a- ta- whai;

Guard Pa- ci- fic's tri- ple star From the shafts of strife and war,  
Ki- a hu- a ko- te tau to a- ta- whai;

Guard Pa- ci- fic's tri- ple star From the shafts of strife and war,  
Ki- a hu- a ko- te tau to a- ta- whai;

Guard Pa- ci- fic's tri- ple star From the shafts of strife and war,  
Ki- a hu- a ko- te tau to a- ta- whai;

**Bass (Bottom Staff):**

Guard Pa- ci- fic's tri- ple star From the shafts of strife and war,  
Ki- a hu- a ko- te tau to a- ta- whai;

Make her praises heard afar, God defend New Zealand.  
Ma-na-ki-ti-a-mai-A-o-te-a-ro-a.

Make her praises heard afar, God defend New Zealand.  
Ma-na-ki-ti-a-mai-A-o-te-a-ro-a.

Make her praises heard afar, God defend New Zealand.  
Ma-na-a-ki-ti-a-mai-A-o-te-a-ro-a.

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