

# Advance Australia Fair

Text and Music: Peter Dodds McCormick (1834-1916)

This was printed as a supplement for Australian Saints to include with the 1985 Hymnal.

## Original Version:

1. Australia's sons 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!"
2. When gallant Cook from Albion sailed,  
To trace wide oceans o'er,  
True British courage bore him on,  
Til he landed on our shore.  
Then here he raised Old England's flag,  
The standard of the brave;  
With all her faults we love her still,  
"Britannia rules the wave!"  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair!
3. While other nations of the globe  
Behold us from afar,  
We'll rise to high renown and shine  
Like our glorious southern star;  
From England soil and Fatherland,  
Scotia and Erin fair,  
Let all combine with heart and hand  
To advance Australia fair!  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair!
4. Should foreign foe e'er sight our coast,  
Or dare a foot to land,  
We'll rouse to arms like sires of yore  
To guard our native strand;

Britannia then shall surely know,  
Beyond ocean roll between,  
Her sons in fair Australia's land  
Still keep their courage green.  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair!

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## 1901 adaptation of Verse 3:

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross,  
We'll toil with hearts and hands;  
To make our youthful Commonwealth  
Renowned of all the lands;  
For loyal sons beyond 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!"

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Modern Rendition; used in the LDS hymnal  
supplement:

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!"

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Another verse has recently been attributed to the  
original author:

With Christ our head and cornerstone,  
We'll build our Nation's might.  
Whose way and truth and light alone  
Can guide our path aright.  
Our lives, a sacrifice of love  
Reflect our Master's care.  
With faces turned to heaven above  
Advance Australia fair.  
In joyful strains then let us sing  
Advance Australia fair.