

God Defend New Zealand

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| 1. 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 | E Ihowā Atua
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarongona
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai
Kia tau tō atawhai
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa |
| 2. Men of ev'ry 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 | Ōna mano tāngata
Kiri whereo, kiri mā
Iwi Māori Pākehā
Rūpeke katoa
Nei ka tono ko ngā hē
Māu e whakaahu kē
Kia ora mārīre
Aotearoa |
| 3. Peace, not war, shall be our boast
But should our 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 | Tōna mana kia tū
Tōna kaha kia ū
Tōna rongō hei pakū
Ki te ao katoa
Aua rawa ngā whawhai
Ngā tutū a tata mai
Kia tupu nui ai
Aotearoa |
| 4. Let our love for Thee increase
May Thy blessings never cease
Give us plenty, give us peace
God defend our free land | Waiho tona takiwā
Ko te ao mārāma
Kia whiti tōna rā
Taiāwhio noa |

From dishonour and from shame
Guard our country's spotless name
Crown her with immortal fame
God defend New Zealand

Ko te hae me te ngangau
Meinga kia kore kau
Waiho i te rongo mau
Aotearoa

5. 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 nations' van
Preaching love and truth to man
Working out Thy Glorious plan
God defend New Zealand

Tōna pai me toitū
Tika rawa, pono pū
Tōna noho, tana tū
Iwi nō Ihowā
Kaua mōna whakamā
Kia hau te ingoa
Kia tū hei tauira
Aotearoa