



OUR NATIONAL SONG



GOD DEFEND NEW ZEALAND

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God of na-tions at Thy feet In the bonds of love we meet, Hear our voices, we en-treat, God defend our Free Land.
E l - ho - a, A - tu - a O nga I - wi! Ma-tou-ra A ta wha - ka ro-ngo-na; Me a-ro-ha no - a.

Guard Pa-ci-fic's tri-ple star From the shafts of strife and war, Make her praises heard a-far, God defend New Zea-land.
Ki - a hu - a ko te pai; Ki-a tau to a - ta-whai; Ma-na-a-ki-ti - a mai A - o - te - a - ro - a.

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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
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.