

United Kingdom

National Anthems Comprehension



The national anthem of the United Kingdom is **God Save the Queen**.

The United Kingdom is made up of four countries: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. All of these countries sing **God Save the Queen** as their official national anthem. It was first performed in 1745.

Sometimes, these countries want to sing a national song for their country only.

God Save the Queen

God save our gracious Queen!
Long live our noble Queen!
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen.



The unofficial national song of England is called Jerusalem. The composer Hubert Parry set the short poem 'And did those feet in ancient time' by William Blake to his own melody.

Jerusalem was written in the Victorian times in the middle of the industrial revolution, a time when many factories were being built and cities were crowded. The words of the song remind people of the beauty of nature and the countryside. It is considered to be England's most popular patriotic song.

Questions:

- a. What is the National Anthem for England called?
- b. When might you hear the National Anthem?
- c. Circle the countries which make up the UK
Iceland Ireland England Scotland Sweden Wales Northern Ireland
- d. Why was Jerusalem written?
- e. Jerusalem is England's most patriotic song. What does patriotic mean?
- f. Can you sing the National Anthem? You will have to stand up. Why do you think this is?

patriotic



Showing love for your country
and being proud of it.