

Australia

Advance Australia Fair

♩ ca. 104

Peter Dodds McCormick (1834 - 1916)

8 *f*

Aus - tra - lians all let us re - joice. For we are young and free. We've gol - den soil and

6 *mf*

wealth for toil; Our home is girt by sea. Our land a - bounds in na - ture's gifts of

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beau - ty rich and rare, in hist - ory's page, let ev - ery stage Ad - vance Aus - tra - lia

16 *ff* *poco rall*

Fair. In joy - ful strains then let us sing, Ad - vance Aus - tra - lia fair.

The composer Peter Dodds McCormick was born in Glasgow in 1834 and emigrated to Australia in 1855.

He became a music teacher in New South Wales and in 1878 published a collection of patriotic songs one of which was "Advance Australia Fair".

The song became very popular but it took more than a hundred years for it to become the official national anthem in 1984 by a national vote.

In Australia it is illegal to make fun of the national anthem!