

# England

## God Save The Queen

Anon ca. 1745

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God save our gra-cious Queen! Long live our no-ble Queen! God save the Queen! Send her vic-

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to - ri ous, Hap-py and glo - ri ous, Long to—rei-gn o - ver us, Go-d save the Queen.

**Strangely, neither England nor Scotland has it's own official national anthem but at the World Cup 2010 England will use the Royal Anthem of the United Kingdom, "God Save the Queen".**

**"God Save the Queen" dates back to the eighteenth century.**

**The original, "God Save The King" was a patriotic song first publicly performed in London in 1745.**

**It came to be known as the National Anthem by about 1800.**

**The words and tune are anonymous, and probably date back to the seventeenth century.**

**In September 1745 the Jacobite 'Young Pretender' to the British Throne, Prince Charles Edward Stuart (Bonnie Prince Charlie) defeated the army of King George II at Prestonpans, near Edinburgh.**

**In a fit of patriotic fervour and panic after news of Prestonpans had reached London, the leader of the band at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, arranged 'God Save The King' for performance after a play.**

**It was a tremendous success and was repeated nightly.**

**This practice soon spread to other theatres, which led to the custom of greeting monarchs with the song as he or she undertook public duties.**

**When the Queen or Prince Philip is present the first verse is played.**

**Other members of the Royal family such as Prince Charles only get the first six bars.**

**Norway and Lichtenstein, use the same tune for their countries' anthems.**