The music was composed in 1797 by Franz Joseph Haydn for the National Anthem of Austria, and it was used in that country until the beginning of World War II. In 1922, it was officially adopted by Germany with the poem beginning 'Deutschland, Deutschland über alles' by August von Fallersleben and from 1933 to 1945 this was sung in conjunction with the Nazi Party song, the 'Horst-Wessel-Lied'. In 1952, the Federal Republic replaced the first verse of von Fallersleben's poem by the third verse shown above and it is illegal to sing any previous version.