

New Zealand

"God Defend New Zealand"

Thomas Bracken

John J Woods

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English Version:

*God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.*

Although written in 1878 by Thomas Bracken (an Irishman) and John Woods (an Australian) in answer to a newspaper competition "God defend New Zealand" did not become the official anthem until 1977.

The lyrics are written in both English and Maori.