Song for Australia

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2. With varied gifts, diverse in faith and language, culture, creed, we meet as one to play our part, to speak in word and deed. Today we dream of unity; with wisdom's guiding hand, we join with those who strive to shape a just and generous land.

3. As opal fire and starry sky infuse our shores with light, we share in freedom's costly gifts with daring and delight. Together on this special day, we make our vows anew; for here in one community, we are Australians true.

Chorus (after verse 3 only, from *)

The wattle in its green and gold brings beauty to life's way; we sing as one with heart and voice on this Australia Day!