

# Song for Australia

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The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It includes lyrics and musical markings such as 'v' for accents and '\*' for a repeat sign. The lyrics are: (Verse 1) We gath - er here to cel - e - brate, with grat - i - tude and song, that though we come from far and wide, to this land we be - long. We love this vast and sun - kissed land, whose bless - ings we re - call; with dream - time peo - ple let us build a vib - brant space for all.

- 1 We gather here to celebrate,  
with gratitude and song,  
that though we come from far and wide,  
to this land we belong.  
We love this vast and sun-kissed land,  
whose blessings we recall;  
with dreamtime people let us build  
a vibrant space for all.
- 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!*