

GREEK NATIONAL ANTHEM

MATCH THE GREEK VERSES TO THEIR EQUIVALENT ENGLISH ONES AS THEY WERE TRANSLATED BY PROF. MARIOS-BYRON RAIZIS

The "Hymn To Liberty" was composed by our national poet, Dionysios Solomos, in 1823. Composer Nikolaos Mantzaros set it to music in 1845. It became Greece's National Anthem in 1865 and, from 1966, also that of Cyprus. It is the longest national anthem in the world having 158 stanzas and 632 verses.

Σὲ γνωρίζω ἀπὸ τὴν κόψι

TAKING THE EARTH AS
VICTOR LORD

τοῦ σπαθιοῦ τὴν τρομερή,

I KNOW YOU BY THE FORM
YOU MADE

σὲ γνωρίζω ἀπὸ τὴν ὄψι,

ποὺ μὲ βία μετράει τὴν γῆ.

I KNOW YOU BY THE SHARP
BLADE

Ἀπ' τὰ κόκκαλα βγαλμένη

OF YOUR TERRIFYING SWORD

τῶν Ἑλλήνων τὰ ιερά,

SPRUNG FROM GRECIAN
BONES SCATTERED

καὶ σὰν πρῶτα ἀνδρειωμένη,

LIBERTY, HAIL TO YOU, HAIL!

χαῖρε, ὦ χαῖρε, Ἐλευθεριά!

HALLOWED ON EVERY VALE

WITH YOUR OLD VALOR
UNSHATTERED,