

National Anthem of Belize (Listen)

O, Land of the Free by the Carib Sea,
Our manhood we pledge to thy liberty!
No tyrants here linger, despots must flee
This tranquil haven of democracy
The blood of our sires which hallows the sod,
Brought freedom from slavery, oppression's rod
By the might of truth, and the grace of God,
No longer shall we be hewers of wood.
Arise! ye sons of the Baymen's clan,
Put on your armour, clear the land!
Drive back the tyrants, let despots flee -
Land of the Free by the Carib Sea!
Nature has blessed thee with wealth untold,
O'er mountains and valleys where prairies roll;
Our fathers, the Baymen, valiant and bold
Drove back the invader; this heritage hold
From proud Rio Hondo to old Sarstoon,
Through coral isle, over blue lagoon;
Keep watch with the angels, the stars and moon;
For freedom comes tomorrow's noon.

Read the national anthem above and answer the following questions.

1. When the anthem refers to “We no longer shall be hewers of wood” it is referring to?
 - a) The baymen who were logwood cutters
 - b) the canoe makers of ancient history.
 - c) The construction workers who made houses out of wood
 - d) the slaves who worked in the cane fields of Belize.
2. The National anthem of Belize is a song of?
 - a) Liberation of American Slavery
 - b) freedom from slavery
 - c) Belize's history and freedom from colonialism
 - d) love to our country.
3. Which two rivers in Belize are mentioned in the song?
 - a) Belize River and New River
 - b) Belize River and Rio Hondo
 - c) Rio Hondo and Sarstoon
 - d) Sarstoon and New River
4. Who are the tyrants referring to?
 - a) Belizeans
 - b) Slaves
 - c) Pirates
 - d) British and Spanish Invaders.
5. The Carib Sea is?
 - A) the Caribbean Sea
 - B) Progresso Lagoon
 - C) Garifuna and Caribs
 - D) Atlantic Ocean