

## The Symbols of Our Nation

**independent** – able to exist on its own

**national anthem** – a song of loyalty to one's country

The Bahamas has been an **independent** country since **July 1973**. We rule ourselves. We have our own **national anthem**. "*March on Bahama Land*" it was written by Mr. Timothy Gibson.

The **Coat of Arm** is a composition of things indigenous to these islands. The preliminary design of the coat of arms was prepared by Bahamian artist **Dr. Hervis Bain**.

Dr. Hervis Bain also designed The Bahamas' flag. A black equilateral triangle on the left represents the **unity** and **determination** of the people of the Bahamas. The two aquamarine stripes at the top and bottom of the flag representing **the sea** and one gold stripe representing **the land**

### *March On, Bahamaland*

*Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland;  
March on to glory, your bright banners waving high;  
See how the world marks the manner of your bearing!  
Pledge to excel through love and unity.  
Pressing onward, march together to a common loftier goal;  
Steady sunward, though the weather hide the wide and  
treach'rous shoal.  
Lift up your head to the rising sun, Bahamaland;  
'Til the road you've trod  
Lead unto your God,  
March on, Bahamaland!*



Our national flag



our national bird



our coat of arms



Our national flower



our national tree



our national fish

