

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,

I KNOW YOU BY THE SHARP BLADE

ποὺ μὲ βίᾳ μετράει τὴν γῆ.

OF YOUR TERRIFYING SWORD

Ἄπ' τὰ κόκκαλα βγαλμένη

SPRUNG FROM GRECIAN BONES SCATTERED

τῶν Ἑλλήνων τὰ ιερά,

LIBERTY, HAIL TO YOU, HAIL!

καὶ σὰν πρῶτα ἀνδρειωμένη,

HALLOWED ON EVERY VALE

χαῖρε, ὡ χαῖρε, Ἔλευθεριά!

WITH YOUR OLD VALOR UNSHATTERED,