

## **National Anthem**

### **"France Anthem Text"**

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Arise children of the fatherland  
The day of glory has arrived  
Against us tyranny's  
Bloody standard is raised  
Listen to the sound in the fields  
The howling of these fearsome soldiers  
They are coming into our midst  
To cut the throats of your sons and consorts  
To arms citizens  
Form you battalions  
March, march  
Let impure blood  
Water our furrows  
What do they want this horde of slaves  
Of traitors and conspiratorial kings?  
For whom these vile chains  
These long-prepared irons?  
Frenchmen, for us, ah! What outrage  
What methods must be taken?  
It is we they dare plan  
To return to the old slavery!  
What! These foreign cohorts!  
They would make laws in our courts!  
What! These mercenary phalanxes  
Would cut down our warrior sons  
Good Lord! By chained hands  
Our brow would yield under the yoke  
The vile despots would have themselves be  
The masters of destiny  
Tremble, tyrants and traitors  
The shame of all good men  
Tremble! Your parricidal schemes  
Will receive their just reward  
Against you we are all soldiers  
If they fall, our young heroes  
France will bear new ones  
Ready to join the fight against you  
Frenchmen, as magnanimous warriors  
Bear or hold back your wounds  
Spare these sad victims  
That they regret taking up arms against us  
But not these bloody despots

These accomplices of BouillÃ©  
All these tigers who pitilessly  
Ripped out their mothers' wombs  
We shall enter into the pit  
When our elders will no longer be there  
There we shall find their ashes  
And the mark of their virtues  
We are much less jealous of surviving them  
Than of sharing their coffins  
We shall have the sublime pride  
Of avenging or joining them  
Drive on sacred patriotism  
Support our avenging arms  
Liberty, cherished liberty  
Join the struggle with your defenders  
Under our flags, let victory  
Hurry to your evil tone  
So that in death your enemies  
See your triumph and our glory!  
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