

# Marcha Real

The Spanish National Anthem  
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D D/F# G A D A/C#D D/F# G E A

G E A D A Bm A A/G D/F#A Bm G D/AA D *Fine*

G G/B C D G D/F#G G/D C A D C A D

G D Em D D/C G/B D Em C G/B D G *D.C. al Fine*

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NOTES: The *Marcha Real* first appeared in a book of military bugle calls dating from 1761, and was known as the "Marcha Granadera". On September 3, 1770, King Carlos III of Spain declared it as the official "honor march", and it was played at events attended by the royal family. It soon became known as the Royal March, *Marcha Real*, although it was custom and the tune's popular roots that helped to select it as Spain's national anthem. It would certainly been known to many members of both of Juan Bautista de Anza's expeditions to California (1774 and 1775-1776). In July 1942, General Franco issued a decree declaring it as Spain's national hymn. There are no official words, though various writers have written verses at different times. This version was orchestrated by Bartolomé Pérez Casas and arranged by Martin Shaw.