"Heart of Australia"

A tribute to the beating heart of this great country.

Performed by: Tarryn Stokes



Music & Lyrics by Anatole Kononewsky, Barbara Hannan & Adrian Hannan



More than a Song...



"Strong lyrics and incredibly heart felt." Legendary Singer, Marcia Hines AM

A career spanning five decades Marcia is an inspiration to women and Australians everywhere, Marcia was inducted into the ARIA Hall of Fame in 2007. She received the Order of Australia (AM) in 2009 for her services to the Australian Entertainment Industry as a performer, judge and mentor, and to the community through a range of charitable organisations.



"On the first listen I had goose-bumps and on the second listen I was singing it like she was an old friend. The true sign of a classic and it made me feel proud to be an Ozzie. I only wish Olivia could hear it.... or maybe she can ... Just beautiful and congratulations."

Tottie Goldsmith OAM



"In Dean Carey you have a teacher who knows everything about acting. Dean has inspired me for 28 years and I'm forever grateful." Hugh Jackman, Actor, ACA Patron

"What a song! It captures so much and encompasses so very much. It calls to heart, first nation, the now nation, and everyone, with a combined sense of wonder and gratitude about the fact we all live on this great, great and ancient land."

"It is superb and just like Peter Allen's, 'I Still Call Australia Home', or Sarah McLauchlan's song, 'In The Arms of An Angel', it captures true heart, mystery and magic."

Dean Carey, Head of Acting at two of Australia's most prestigious schools; in 1987 he founded the Actors Centre Australia (ACA).



"I Love the song!!!!!!

Ralph Carr, RCM

Founder of one of the most successful and respected artist management companies in Australian history.



An Anthem for all Australians "What a luminous work. I vote 1 for our national anthem." Sumitra Phoenix, Music Teacher

"Wow! Such a beautiful song. I wish this was our national anthem." Mandy Geddes, Director, Institute of Executive Coaching & Leadership

"It's beautiful! It has anthem written all over it!!" Bronny Lane, Founder & Director of Little Train Creative

"Definitely an anthem song for all Australians. Great song." Chris Doney, Managing Director of IT-Spark



"A truly beautiful song with powerful lyrics." Steve Georganas MP Federal Member, Adelaide

"Beautiful song." Melissa O'Connor, Manager (Vanessa Amorosi)

"Sounds good mate." Kevin Bennett, indigenous singer/songwriter, CMAA Gold Guitar winner.

"What a beautiful, poignant and uplifting song." Michael Williams, Loving Earth Pty Ltd

"Great song.." Gary Smith

"Hauntingly beautiful & moving." Nellie Melnik

"This is truly beautiful Anatole ... Thank you for sharing. I love the deeply evocative music, lyrics, and the inclusion of the heart. The spirit of the words: Inspire | Celebrate | Unite - resonate all the way through." Roma Gaster, Founding Director, Karibu Education Int Pty Ltd

"What a beautiful song Anatole, the words are amazing and it felt like I knew what she was going to sing next, sent a tingle up my spine!" Ruanna Segal, GENI Australia

"That's a beautiful song!!!" Phoebe Johnston, Executive Assistant



International Comments



"Anatole, I shared it with others who simply loved it! Thank you so much!" Phylicia Rashad, USA

Acclaimed singer, director, and actress who has appeared in stage, film, and television productions – is currently the Dean of the Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts at Howard University. A critically acclaimed stage director, Rashad has led productions at prestigious venues throughout the United States. Respected in the academic world, Rashad was the first recipient of the Denzel Washington Chair in Theatre at Fordham University, and has been bestowed with numerous honorary doctorate degrees.



"It's absolutely lovely, thank you for sharing..." Carol Maillard, Sweet Honey in the Rock, USA

Founding member of the legendary group Sweet Honey in the Rock, 1973. Have had three Grammy nominations, won their first in 1989. Performed at the White House in 2009 for First Lady Michelle and President Barack Obama. Performed at the National Memorial Service for Nelson Mandela at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC in 2013. The group has produced over fifteen albums. Carol is also an accomplished actress and has performed in film, television, cabaret and on stage. "Many thanks for sharing the song with us. It's beautiful and inspirational."

Sara Childre, President / CEO & Rollin McCraty Ph.D., Director of Research at the HeartMath Institute "'Thank you for sharing the song. It is beautiful...'

Pablo Sender PhD, Author, Theosophical Scholar & International Presenter



International Comments

"Beautiful song, I kept putting America in for Australia because it felt right..."

Professional Chef (Culinary Arts) student at Delgado Community College, New Orleans, LA, USA, 2023

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"My wholehearted gratitude for sharing your beautiful song and video! And I love your invite to come together and all give voice for what truly unites us."

Jude Currivan PhD, UK

Dr Jude Currivan is a cosmologist, planetary healer, futurist, author, previously one of the most senior business women in the UK and cofounder of WholeWorld-View.



"Wow... Amazing! Beautiful work... Congratulations"

Dame Doria Cordova, Ph.D. (Hon.), USA

CEO, Global Business Developer, Sustainability Entrepreneur, owner Excellerated Business School for Entrepreneurs. a global platform that has nearly 200,000 graduates since 1979 from over 85 countries.



Kalli Pulos, Senior Leadership & Executive Coach/Facilitator The composers wish to acknowledge the song was written on the lands of the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation. We sincerely hope that our work does justice to the thousands of generations of song-people that have gone before us on this country.

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Executive Producer: Anatole Kononewsky

All Instrumentation, Production, Mixing and Mastering Adrian Hannan @ The SongStore.

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