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Announcement of Alternative Arrangements of the National Anthem God Defend New Zealand for General Use

Recognising the difficulties which could be experienced in the singing or playing of the national anthem *God Defend New Zealand* by the general public, new arrangements of this anthem have been commissioned from Mr A. Maxwell Fernie.

The original score composed in 1875 by Mr J. J. Woods in A flat (concert pitch) lent itself best to solo or choral singing but was not most appropriate for general or massed singing, bearing present tastes in music in mind.

The new arrangements allow for a strong presentation at a reasonable pace. One is more suitable for massed singing, the other for choral work.

The commissioning and publication of these arrangements is intended to enhance the presentation of the national anthem for general purposes. They should not be regarded as the only arrangements suitable for all occasions.

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