

Russian National Anthem

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A former anthem is a tune by the brilliant composer Mikhail Glinka. This majestic tune has become known as "The Patriotic Song".

It was written in 1834 but lost in the composer's archive and only rediscovered towards the end of the 19th Century.

It was only three lines of notes with some written notes by the composer. It was rearranged for an orchestra in the 1940s and then premiered on the radio.

It became the National Anthem in 1990 when the country turned back to some of the old traditions. The tune was played for the first time as such, at the Parliamentary session of November 30th, 1990. The Anthem, did not have words.

After the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, Russia adopted a new national anthem. In 2000, the old Soviet national anthem was re-adopted, with Mikhalkov writing new lyrics to represent Russia's new non-communist nature.

The full version played by the Mariinski Theatre Opera Chorus can be heard on the web at: www.du.edu/langlit/russian/anthtxt.html

Whilst fuller explanations can be found in numerous places on the web. Try :-

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Anthem_of_the_Soviet_Union

