

Write a State Song!

In 1835 in Raleigh, Gaston wrote the lyrics to “The Old North State,” adapting the melody from a tune he heard performed by Swiss bell ringers. Today, this song is a symbol of North Carolina’s identity.

Try it out!

Read the verse from “The Old North State” below. Then, use the space under it to write your own song about North Carolina. When writing, think about:

- What do you love most about your state?
- What animals, landmarks, and nature are here?
- What do you want people to know about living in North Carolina?

Sing your song at the America 250 NC table & get a prize!

“The Old North State”

*“Carolina! Carolina! Heaven's blessings attend her!
While we live we will cherish, protect and defend her;
Though the scorner may sneer at and witlings defame her,
Our hearts swell with gladness whenever we name her.
Hurrah! Hurrah! The Old North State forever!
Hurrah! Hurrah! The good Old North State!”*

My State Song

