



## Culture Profile

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### National Anthem: Lupang Hinirang

'Bayang Magiliw  
perlas ng Silanganan  
Alab ng puso  
Sa dibdib mo'y buhay  
Lupang hinirang  
Duyan ka ng magiting  
Sa manlulupig  
Di ka pasisiil.  
Sa dagat at bundok  
Sa simoy at sa langit mong bughaw  
May dilag ang tula  
At awit sa paglayang minamahal  
Ang kislap ng watawat mo'y  
Tagumpay na nagniningning  
Ang bituin at araw niya  
Kailan pa ma'y di magdidilim  
Lupa ng araw  
ng luwalhati't pagsinta  
Buhay ay langit sa piling mo.  
Aming ligaya  
Na pag may mang-aapi  
Ang mamatay nang dahil sa iyo.'

\*The Philippine National Anthem was composed by Julian Felipe, a Filipino music teacher and composer of Cavite. It was first played by the band of San Francisco de Malabon during the unfurling of the Filipino flag at Kawit during the Independence Day ceremony.

For more than a year, the anthem remained without words. Towards the end of August of 1899, a young poet-soldier named Jose Palma wrote the poem titled *Filipinas*. This poem expressed in elegant Spanish verses the ardent patriotism and fighting spirit of the Filipino people. It became the words of the anthem, and today, the anthem is sung in Filipino, its official lyrics translated by Felipe de Leon, from the original Spanish lyrics in the early 1900s.