

ODE TO JOY - Anthem of Europe

The "Anthem of Europe" is an extract from the prelude of "Ode to Joy", the final movement of **Beethoven's 9th Symphony** composed in 1823. In 1972, the Council of Europe adopted it as an anthem to represent Europe, and later in 1985 it was also adopted by the European Union. Its purpose is to honour shared European values. The EU describes it as expressing the ideals of freedom, peace and solidarity. The anthem is played on official occasions such as political or civil events.

Europe Day held on 9 May every year by the European Union celebrating PEACE AND UNITY IN EUROPE. The date marks the anniversary of the historic 'Schuman declaration' that set out his idea for a new form of political cooperation in Europe, which would make war between Europe's nations unthinkable. The first recognition of Europe Day was by the Council of Europe, introduced in 1964.



Gill Gallina

Beethoven

F C F (Dm) C F

Joy-ful, joy-ful, lift your voi-ces all cre-a-tion ev'-rywhere. Hearts and hands 'cross

6 C F (Dm) C F C F C F

sea and land come join us in our fer-vent prayer. Ev'-ry land and ev'-ry-na-tion,

11 C Am F C F C F

strong and mi-ghty meek and mild, help to build a world of peace for ev'-ry wo-man

16 C F F C

man and child. We sing proud-ly in u-ni-ty one

25 F (Dm) C F C F (Dm)

heart, one voice, one mind. We're all sha-ring a com-mondream of peace and love for

30 C F C F C F C Am F C

hu-mankind. Ev'-ry-na-tion, all cre-a-tion come share the dream we're drea-ming-of. And

35 F C F C F

side by side 'cross-o-ceanswide we'll build a world of peace and love.