

Spring from a race of people who have proved their worth in every circumstance, blessed with a heritage of priceless traditions, possessed of a land literally flowing with milk and honey we will indeed fail in our duty if we do not raise an Australian nation which shall stand for all time as a monument of liberty and justice. Our growth has, as yet, been infantile, and our manifold resources almost untouched but, we have already shown that Australians are capable of great things. We have taken our place amongst the older nations in commerce, in literature, and even in battle and it is in no vain boasting spirit that we claim that we have not suffered by the comparison. Our influence in the past has been good, our influence at the present time is powerful and nation-making and, by a loyalty to the best tradition of our race, by a right conception of our duty to ourselves, our country, and our God we shall continue to exert a powerful and ennobling influence in the building up of a sturdy type of Australian nationhood and thus strengthen and solidify that mighty British Empire to which we are all bound by the

loftiest ties of veneration and affection.
If we do this we can be pardoned
for ardently hoping and indeed
confidently expecting that the glorious
past the brilliant present form but
a prelude to the effulgence of the
future that longed for time when we
shall have established an Australian
Nation which "bright as the sun, clear
as the moon, and terrible as an army
with banners" shall be founded on the
principles of Liberty, Unity and Justice and
it shall be said of us, -

To, all the nations over in these continents
and even the guilty ones they conquering
line right for weak and strong, they law
and bind the whole world in a world wide
state.

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