



CAMEROON

Chant de Ralliement

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Tempo di marcia

1. O Ca - me - roun, ber - ceau de nos an - cê - tres, Va, de -
1. O Ca - me - roon, thou — cra - dle of our fa - thers, Proud - ly

bout, et ja - loux de ta li - ber - té. Comme un so -
ral - ly to de - fend your lib - er - ty. And like the

leil, ton dra - peau — fier doit ê - tre Un sym -
sun, your — flag will be re - splend - ent, As a

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Adopted as the unofficial National Anthem in 1948, it became the official National Anthem on 10 May, 1957. The words were substantially changed in 1978.

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bole ar - dent de foi et d'u - ni - té. Que
 sym - bol of your faith and u - ni - ty. May

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tous tes en - fants du Nord au Sud, De
 all your chil - dren fol - low the com - mand, From

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l'Est à l'Ou - est soient tout a - mour! Te ser - vir
 East and West to give their heart, Their on - ly

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que ce soit leur seul but Pour
 wish to serve their land And with

rem - plir leur de - voir tou - jours.
con - stan - cy play their part.

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Chère Pa - tri - e, terre ché - ri - e, Tu
This our land that we all love so, On

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es no - tre seul et vrai bon - heur. No - tre
you our whole hap - pi - ness is stayed. You're our

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joie et no - tre vi - e, A toi l'a -
joy and you're our life too; To you be

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2. *Tu es la tombe où dorment nos pères,
 Le jardin que nos aïeux ont cultivé.
 Nous travaillons pour te rendre prospère,
 Un beau jour enfin nous serons arrivés.
 De l'Afrique sois fidèle enfant
 Et progresse toujours en paix,
 Espérant que tes jeunes enfants
 T'aimeront sans bornes à jamais.*

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2. You are the tomb where our fathers are resting,
 You're the garden they prepared and they conceived,
 We work that you may become fair and prosp'rous,
 And one day at last we'll see it all achieved.
 May you be a faithful child of Africa,
 Advancing steadily in peace,
 In hope that ev'ry young child of yours
 Will love you until time shall cease.

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