



## A Nation Once Again

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**A** Nation Once Again" is a song, written in the early to mid-1840s by Thomas Osborne Davis (1814–1845). Davis was a founder of Young Ireland, an Irish movement whose aim was the independence of Ireland. Davis believed that "a song is worth a thousand harangues". He felt that music could have a particularly strong influence on Irish people at that time. "A Nation Once Again" was first published in his nationalist newspaper *The Nation* on 13 July 1844 and it quickly became a rallying call for the growing Irish nationalist movement at that time. The song's narrator dreams of a time when Ireland will be, as the title suggests, a free land, with "our fetters rent in twain". The lyrics exhort Irishmen to stand up and fight for their land: "And righteous men must make our land a nation once again".



*Thomas Davis, chief organizer and poet of the Young Ireland movement*

