

State Song: "Hail! Minnesota"

The song "Hail! Minnesota" was written by two students at the University of Minnesota during 1904 and 1905. It became the university's official song. In 1945 the Minnesota Legislature adopted it as the state song. Only one change was made in the words. The second line of the song, "Hail to thee, our college dear," became "Hail to thee, our state so dear."

Hail! Minnesota

The Official State Song of Minnesota

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Second Verse by
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Music by
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Spirited March Tempo

Voice

Min - ne - so - ta Hail to thee! Hail to
stream that bends to sea, Like the

thee our state so dear, Thy light shall ev - er
pine that seeks the blue; Min - ne so - ta, still for

be A bea - con bright and clear. Thy
thee Thy sens are strong and true. From thy

sons and daugh - ters true Will pro - claim thee near and
woods and wa - ters fair; From thy prai - ries wav - ing

far, They will guard thy fame and a - dore thy name; Thou shalt
far, At thy call they throng with their shout and song; Hail - ing

be their North - ern Star. Like the Star.
thee their North - ern