

***The Old North State***  
**Written by William Gaston**  
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Carolina! Carolina! Heaven's blessings attend her!  
While we live we will cherish, protect and defend her;  
Tho' the scorner may sneer at and witlings defame her,  
Still our hearts swell with gladness whenever we name her.

Hurrah! Hurrah! The Old North State forever!  
Hurrah! Hurrah! The good Old North State!

Tho' she envies not others, their merited glory,  
Say whose name stands the foremost, in Liberty's story,  
Tho' too true to herself e'er to crouch to oppression,  
Who can yield to just rule a more loyal submission?

Hurrah! Hurrah! The Old North State forever!  
Hurrah! Hurrah! The good Old North State!

Then let all those who love us, love the land that we live in,  
As happy a region as on this side of heaven,  
Where plenty and peace, love and joy smile before us,  
Raise aloud, raise together the heart thrilling chorus.

Hurrah! Hurrah! The Old North State forever!  
Hurrah! Hurrah! The good Old North State!

The song known as "The Old North State" was adopted as the official song of the State of North Carolina by the General Assembly of 1927. (Public Laws, 1927, c. 26; G.S. 149-1)