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David Sanderson Email of 18 February 2015

As a member of the Scotland Supporters Club I have recently been asked for my opinion on Flower of Scotland being officially adopted as our National Anthem.

If the Scottish people had voted for independence last year I am sure one of the tasks which a newly independent Scottish Government would have had would be to "sort out" the National Anthem situation.

My suggestion for this would be to organise a national or perhaps even worldwide competition to write a new anthem and have an "X Factor" style selection process - (there is also the potential for a TV programme here too)- the end result could be either a new song or perhaps one of the present favourites for the title (including Flower of Scotland of course).

The suggestion put forward that we should opt for Flower of Scotland without at least comparing it against what could be available is shortsighted - this is a decision which will have huge long term effects and it should not be taken lightly and as a "take it or leave it" decision.

There are many examples of new anthems from around the world (some good - some not so good)

Yours,

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