

National Anthem of the Cook Island's

Te Atua mou e/ God is Truth.

**Te Atua mou e
Ko koe rai te pu
O te pa 'enua e
Akarongo mai
I to matou nei reo
te kapiki atu nei
Paruru mai
ia matou nei
o mai te koronamou
kia ngateitei
kia vai rai te aro'a
o te pa 'enua e
o te pa 'enua e.**

Translation

**God almighty
Ruler of our Nation,
Hear our voices
As we call
Protect us
Grant us the crowning glory
To be lofty and successful
Let love prevail over all
Our beloved lands.**

**Music by the late Sir Tom Davis,
Lyricist His wife the late Pa Tapaeru Terito Ariki, Lady Davis.**

Te Atua mou e (“God is Truth”) is the national anthem of the Cook Islands. It was adopted in 1982, replacing the previous New Zealand anthem God Defend New Zealand.

Sir Thomas “Tom” Robert Alexander Harries Davis KBE (June 11, 1917-July 23 2007) was a Prime Minister of the Cook Islands and a medical researcher.

Davis was born on the Islands of Rarotonga; He was the first medical graduate in New Zealand finishing his studies at the University of Otago in 1945. He then served as a medical officer in the Cook Islands working to improve the country’s health system.

In 1952, he went to Harvard University, initially completing a Master of public Health before joining the Department of Nutrition Subsequently; he worked for various parts of the armed forces as a research physiologist before joining NASA to work on the space program.

Political career

Davis was a founder of the Cook Islands Democratic Party in 1971, and became opposition leader in 1972, going on to serve as Prime Minister. Davis married Pa Tapaeru Terito Ariki (1923–1990), the paramount chief of the Takitumu tribe in the Cook Islands. She had nine children, three boys and six girls, from a previous marriage to George Ani Rima Peyroux. Pa Terito had become a Bahá'í in the 1950s; sometime after 1986, Davis joined the Bahai Faith Davis and his wife wrote the music and lyrics to "Te Atua Mou e ", the national anthem of the Cook Islands since 1982. Davis died in 2007 in Rarotonga, aged 90.