

New Mexico State Song

O Fair New Mexico, was written by Elizabeth Garrett, the blind daughter of famed sheriff Pat Garrett. In 1917, Governor Washington E. Lindsey signed the legislation making *O Fair New Mexico* the official State Song. In 1928 America's most famous march composer and conductor, John Philip Sousa, presented Governor Arthur T. Hannett and the people of New Mexico an arrangement of the State Song embracing a musical story of the Indian, the Cavalry, the Spanish, and the Mexican.

Asi Es Nueva Mejico, written by contemporary composer Amadeo Lucero, was sung with guitar accompaniment to the assembled members of the 1971 Legislature by Lieutenant Governor Roberto Mondragon and was promptly adopted as the Spanish – language version of the state song.

O Fair New Mexico

Words and Music by Elizabeth Garrett

Under a sky of azure, where balmy breezes blow;
Kissed by the golden sunshine, is Nuevo Mejico
Home of the Montezuma, with fiery heart aglow,
State of the deeds historic is Nuevo Mejico.

(chorus)

O, fair New Mexico, we love we love you so
Our hearts with pride overflow, no matter where we go,
O, fair New Mexico, we love, we love you so,
The grandest state to know, New Mexico.

Second Verse

Rugged and high sierras, with deep canyons below;
Dotted with fertile valleys, is Nuevo Mejico.
Fields full of sweet alfalfa, richest perfumes bestow,
State of apple blossoms,

(chorus)

Third Verse

Days that are full of heart – dreams nights when the moon hangs low;
Beaming its benediction, o'er Nuevo Mejico.
Land with its bright manana, coming through weal and woe;
State of our esperanza, is Nuevo Mejico.

(chorus)