



SORBIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM AND FLAG



ABOUT THE ANTHEM AND FLAG

The Sorbian national anthem was written by poet Handrij Zejler. The lyrics were first published on 24 August, 1827, in the Leipzig magazine *Serbska Nowina*. Its music was composed in the beginning of 1845 by Korla Awgust Kocor (German: Karl August Katzer). The anthem was publicly performed for the first time on 17 October 1845, in Budyšin/Bautzen. The blue, red and white flag of the Lusatian Sorbs was adopted among Sorbs in 1848. Listen to the anthem:



<https://youtu.be/9yXjLQMzuQM>

ABOUT SORBIAN/WENDISH LUSATIA

The Sorbs/Wends live in Lusatia and are a recognised national minority in Germany. The region of Lusatia is located in the states of Brandenburg and Saxony. Read more about the Lusatian Sorbs:



<https://www.eurominority.eu/index.php/en/lusatia-sorbs/>



UPPER SORBIAN

Rjana Łužica,
sprawna, přečelna,
mojich serbskich wótcow kraj,
mojich zbóžnych sonow raj,
swjate su mi twoje hona!

Časo přichodny,
zakčěj radostny!
Ow, zo bychy z twojeho
lina žony*, mužojo,
hódni wěchno' wopomnjeća.



LOWER SORBIAN

Rědna Łužyca,
spšawna, psijazna,
mojich serbskich wošcow kraj,
mojich glucnych mysłow raj,
swěte su mě twoje strony.

Cas ty psichodny,
zakwiš radostny!
Och, gab muže stanuli,
za swoj narod žělali,
godne nimjer wobspomnješa!



ENGLISH

Beautiful Lusatia,
Gracious, friendly,
Land of my Sorbian forebears,
Paradise of my blissful dreams,
Sacred are your pastures to me!

May your future
Bloom joyously,
Oh, may from your womb appear,
Dear women, men
worthy of eternal remembrance!

**At the Domowina AGM in March 2023, a motion passed to add 'women' to the words of the national anthem.*

