



“I will be there”, the first Global Nursing Anthem

- **The Spanish General Council of Nurses has created the first nursing anthem with the aim of representing the reality of nurses in one song. This melody was created in 2017 and has recently been translated into English.**
- **The anthem is available to every nurse or Association that wants to reproduce it or play it. Has recently been released in a [video that is accesible at “Canal Enfermero”, the YouTube Channel of the General Council of Nurses.](#)**
- **The national council of nurses in Spain wants this anthem to became the Global anthem of the profession and that is the reason why they thought that translating it into English was crucial.**
- **It is called “I will be there” meaning that nurses are always where they are needed to help and take care of their patients. The lyrics were written by Íñigo Lapetra, head of communications of the Spanish General Council of Nurses and the musician Carlos Prida. The English version has been performed by the American singer Erin Corine Johnson.**
- **The English version of the anthem was presented during the 2018 Nightin Gala, an event organized once a year by the Friends of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR). The latest event was celebrated in Washington D.C. and more than 1,500 nurses witnessed the global release. Florentino Pérez Raya, head of the Spanish General Council of Nurses says that “this song is a gift for all the nurses around the world”.**

Madrid, Spain. 11 February 2019.- The Spanish General Council of Nurses has recently translated into English the first nursing anthem. This song was written in 2017 by Íñigo Lapetra, head of communications of the institution and the musician Carlos Prida, and was created to honor the effort and commitment of every nurse that takes care of their patients, their daily hard work for the common good of society. It is called “I will be there”, a metaphor which represents how this healthcare workers are always where they are needed to help and take care of their patients.



Nightin Gala

This new English version has been played by the American singer Erin Corine Johnson, and was released during the 2018 Nightin Gala of the National Institute of Nursing Research (FNINR) that took place last October in Washington D.C. More than 1,500 nurses witnessed this release that coincided with the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the association. In words of the head of the Spanish General Council of Nurses, Florentino Pérez Raya "this anthem is a gift for the nurses around the world. From the General Council of Nurses we want to make it available for every nurse or Association that wants to reproduce it or play it". It is available online at "[Canal Enfermero](#)" the YouTube Channel of the Spanish General Council of Nurses. This video has been illustrated with the pictures of the nurses that participated in the photography contest FotoEnfermería, a contest that has the aim to show how the reality of the profession is.

English version

The creators of the song, Íñigo Lapetra and Carlos Prida, have worked long hours to achieve the adaptation of the anthem into English. They wanted to maintain the original orchestra and to introduce the voice of the singer Erin Corine Johnson. "The result keeps the strength and solemnity of the Spanish version and we are very happy because everyone that heard both versions says it has being a wonderful adaptation", explains Íñigo Lapetra, one of the composers of the song and head of Communications of the Spanish General Council of Nurses. In addition, Erin Corine Johnson claims that she feels very proud to have been chosen as the singer of this version and that it has being very "moving to be part of this project. It has been an honor, a pleasure and a really special experience for me", she said.

Spanish version

The Spanish version of the anthem was made public during the 2017 International Nurses Congress, organized by the International Council of Nurses (ICN) held in May 2017 in Barcelona. More than 17,000 nurses were in the opening of the anthem and since this date it has become very popular in different Spanish-speaking countries. The national council of nurses in Spain wants this anthem to become the Global anthem of the profession and that is the reason why they thought that translating it into English was crucial.

Direct link to the song and video: <http://bit.ly/IWillBeThereCGE>



These are the complete lyrics of "I will be there", the Nursing Anthem

I will be there every moment that you need
I will lead you step by step and day by day
In your days of hope and glory
In your nights of doubt and pain
I will lend a friendly hand
and keep you safe

I will be there Even when the sun goes down
No loneliness,
No fear when I am close to you
I will be there
Forever by your side
Leave sadness behind
And I will take care of you!

Look at me, don't you try to hide your pain
I will teach you how to live and stand tall again
Body and soul, it's my vocation
I have chosen my profession
Here I am, I'll be the guiding light you need

I will be there, even when the sun goes down
No loneliness, No fear when I am close to you
I will be there
Forever by your side
Leave sadness behind
And I will take care of you!

I will give my life as long as you're in need
Rain or shine, you can always count on me
I will soothe your soaring heartache
I will calm you every fear
I will be your strength 'til you are well again

Now look at me
I'll stand by your side
With love and care
With science and knowledge
I've studied long, hard years with no rest
Give you the very best
and I will take care of you!

I will be there
Even when the sun goes down
No loneliness,
No fear when I am close to you
I will be there
Forever by your side
Leave sadness behind
and I will take care of you!
I will be there...
I will be there...
...And I will take care of you!



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The Spanish General Council of Nurses represents every nurse who performs their work in Spain. At present, it represents and defends the professional interests of 300,000 nurses. It is conformed by every professional association of nurses of the Spanish different provinces and by the different autonomous councils of professional associations.