



We Say Mabuhay | Anthem of the President of the Philippines

'We Say Mabuhay,' composed by the legendary bandmaster and orchestra leader, the late Tirso Cruz, Sr., is the anthem of the President of the Republic of the Philippines.

Unlike 'Hail to the Chief,' the march primarily associated with the President of the United States, 'We Say Mabuhay' is not that well-known.

'Mabuhay' is played during military and government ceremonies in which the President is in attendance; the arrival of the President at any given event and right after the president-elect is sworn in during inaugurations that occur every six years as prescribed in the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines.

The anthem even has lyrics:

- We Say Mabuhay -
Tirso Cruz, Sr.

[Four ruffles and flourishes]
We say Mabuhay!
We say Mabuhay!
Under the blue skies,
Where our friends sit by!

A greeting of farewell!
A toast that will wear well!
We raise our voices and say Mabuhay!

"Immediately upon conclusion of the oath, the traditional presidential anthem, "Mabuhay" is played with the appropriate ruffles and flourishes, and the armed forces shall render its first 21-gun salute to the new commander in chief."

- 'The Long View: Notes for the coming inaugural' [Manuel L. Quezon III - <http://www.quezon.ph/>]