

In His Own Words – Overview

The best way to approach a poet is often through the poet's own words. Beyond his poems, Kostas Kartelias has reflected on poetry, memory, creativity, and the purpose of writing in interviews, public conversations, and other recorded discussions. These personal observations provide a unique perspective on the ideas that shape his literary work.

The quotations gathered in this section offer a direct introduction to Kartelias's thoughts on the creative process and the role of literature in contemporary culture. They reveal how he understands inspiration, the relationship between memory and artistic expression, the responsibilities of the writer, and the enduring dialogue between personal experience and collective cultural identity. Together, they complement the poems by illuminating the intentions and reflections behind them.

Reading these words alongside Kartelias's poetry creates a richer understanding of his creative universe. They invite readers to encounter not only the finished works but also the voice of the author reflecting upon the act of creation itself. In this way, the quotations become an essential companion to the poetry, offering an authentic and personal gateway into his literary thought.