

Songs

For Kostas Kartelias, poetry does not end on the printed page. Many of his poems have found a second life through music, where composers and performers transform the written word into songs while preserving its emotional essence. The result is a dialogue between literature and music that broadens the reach of the poetry without altering its meaning.

When set to music, the poems gain a new expressive dimension. Melody, rhythm, and the human voice bring fresh interpretations to the texts, allowing audiences to experience familiar verses in a different way. Yet the strength of these songs continues to rest on the poetry itself, whose imagery, clarity, and emotional authenticity remain at their core.

The musical settings of Kartelias's poems demonstrate how poetry can move naturally between page and performance. Together, the poems and their songs form a unified artistic legacy, inviting readers and listeners alike to discover the enduring relationship between language, music, and human emotion.