

National Anthems Online

REPUBLIC OF BELARUS: My Belarusy

The anthem was originally written and adopted in 1955 for use in the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic. The music was composed by Nyestar Sakalowski and the lyrics were written by Maxim Klimkovich. After the break-up of the Soviet Union, the music composed by Sakalowski was retained and lyrics, with their references to Russia, the Communist Party and Lenin were discarded. New lyrics, which were written by Klimkovich and Uladzimir Karyzny, were adopted by a presidential decree issued in 2002. The decree stated that the national anthem with music by Nyestar Sakalowski symbolized continuity of the historical traditions of Belarusian people and enjoys popularity and esteem among people from various generations.

The post-2002 lyrics of the anthem now refer to a friendly Belarus, honoring past military battles and looking forward to the future. The first performance of the anthem with its new lyrics was given in July 2002 at a concert organised by the government as part of the independence celebrations. Every day, state-owned Belarusian television and radio stations are required to play the national anthem upon signing on at 6 a.m. and again upon close-down (usually around midnight). Surprisingly very little appears to be known about the composer, Nyestar Sakalowski.

$\text{♩} = 76$ Nestar Sakalowski
Arranged by Colin Kirkpatrick

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