

National Anthems Online

BULGARIA: Mila Rodino

Mila Rodino ("Dear Motherland") is based on the music and text of the song *Gorda Stara Planina* ("Stately Stara Planina") by a 22-year old student, Tsvetan Radoslavov, as he left home to fight in the Serbo-Bulgarian War in 1885. *Stara Planina* is the traditional Bulgarian name of the Balkan mountains, extending 560 km from East Serbia, through central Bulgaria to the Black Sea. Radoslavov was born in Svishtov in 1863, he graduated in philosophy in Leipzig. His original song, *Gorda Stara Planina* was adapted by the composer Dobri Hristov in 1905 and became a national anthem of Bulgaria in 1963 known as *Mila Rodino*. Radoslavov was also a well-known scientist in Bulgaria and despite invitations to work as a teacher in Vienna, Leipzig and Prague, he remained in Bulgaria to work at the Third High School for Boys in Sofia where he taught European and ancient languages, psychology, ethics and logic.

Incidentally, Dobri Hristov (1875-1941) was one of the major Bulgarian composers of the 20th century. Born in Varna, Bulgaria, he graduated from the Prague Conservatory in 1903 (the director was Antonin Dvorak). He wrote orchestral and choral works using elements of Bulgarian folklore. The anthem was adopted in 1964. The text has been changed on several occasions, most recently in 1990.

♩ = 66

In Bb, G and D

Tsvetan Tsvetkov Radoslavov (1863-1931)
Arranged by Colin Kirkpatrick

11

20

molto rit.

mf cresc. f

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