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Manolis Kalomiris is honoured as the father of Greek national music. The inspired orchestration of Kalomiris's *Piano Rhapsody No. 1* by Gabriel Pierné moved Byron Fidetzis to orchestrate the second of these, sub-titled *Song of the Night*. The versatile soprano Julia Souglakou, whose wide-ranging repertoire includes operas by Greek composers, interprets *Lyrics*, a setting of poems by Angelos Sikelianos, and the renowned Greek actress Eva Kotamanidou recounts a small miracle *In St Luke's Monastery*. The symphonic poems *Minas the Rebel* and *Death of the Valiant Woman* present in purely orchestral garb contrasting tales of vengeance, valour and visionary transformation.

Manolis KALOMIRIS

(1883–1962)

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| 1 | Rhapsody No. 1 (orch. Gabriel Pierné) | 6:54 |
| 2 | Rhapsody No. 2, 'Song to the Night' (orch. Byron Fidetzis) | 13:12 |
| | Lyrics (Text by Angelos Sikelianos, 1884–1951) | 16:07 |
| 3 | I. Aphrodite Rising | 4:15 |
| 4 | II. The Holy Virgin of Sparta | 3:54 |
| 5 | III. The First Rain | 7:55 |
| 6 | In St Luke's Monastery (Text by Angelos Sikelianos) | 10:17 |
| 7 | Minas the Rebel, Corsair of the Aegean | 17:51 |
| 8 | The Death of the Valiant Woman | 11:47 |

Russian State Symphonic Capella ^{1-2, 6-8}
 Karlovy Vary Symphony Orchestra ³⁻⁵

Julia Souglakou, Soprano ³⁻⁵ • Eva Kotamanidou, Narrator ⁶

Byron Fidetzis

The Greek texts for *Lyrics* and *In St Luke's Monastery* are available at
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