

The *Cyprian Suite* is one of a series of works written following a trip to Cyprus in 1999. Each of its four movements is based on a Cypriot folk song. The first, "Servikos," is an instrumental dance in Serbian style, often played on the violin. In the second, "Lullaby," a mother asks Saint Marina to take her baby to the world of sweet dreams and bring it safely back. She entrusts her baby to sleep, which will take her child and give it back to her grown up like a cypress tree. with branches extending from East to West. In the third, "Exomológhisis," a man who had a lot of love affairs went to his priest to confess. The priest advised him to start a new life and stop having affairs. The man replied, "Father, if you deny the Holy Communion and the Divine Service, then I will deny love." In the last song, the singer complains, "I loved her from the bottom of my heart, but she was indifferent, and I have suffered."