

YIANNIS SKARIMPAS

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Yiannis Skarimpas, a Greek writer, dramatist, and poet, was born in Saint Efthymia of Fokida on 28th September 1893 and died in Chalkida on 21st January 1984.

He went to school in Aigio and Patras and served his military service in the 5/42 Evzone Regiment. Then, he was appointed head of the Customs Office in Eretria. He spent most of his life in Chalkida where he resettled in 1915. He had his first works published in newspapers in Athens and Chalkida under the pen name Kallis Esperinos. His first publication under his own name came in 1929 when he published his novel “*O Kapetan Sourmelis o Stouraitis*” in the *Ellinika Grammata* magazine.



His texts have been published in magazines and several of his verses have been set to music. His best-known poems set to music are “*Spasmeno karavi*”, “*Ulalum*” and “*Eaftoulides*” for which the composers Yiannis Spanos, Nikolas Asimos, and Dionysis Tsaknis respectively wrote music.

Yiannis Skarimpas died on January 21, 1984, and was buried at public expense outside the fortress of Karababas.



Yiannis Skarimpas’s burial site at the fortress of Karababas.

“Spasmeno Karavi”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O6nLChp_lfI