

# Poems for Ukraine

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## KYIV

Meet me in Kyiv  
This time we can kiss  
The air is clear  
Birds sing again in joy  
Flowers will grow here  
The flute player will bring wine too  
We'll make love on a rooftop  
Petals on the feet  
With our eyes laughing  
No shelling to fear  
The war will be a distant memory  
The church bell will intone peace  
Lizards chase in romantic play  
One Russian other Ukrainian  
Children will play at school  
Our political leaders human again  
When will this be?

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## **KYIV Burns**

Sing for Ukraine

Kyiv is in flames

Smoke kisses the sky

Sing for Ukraine

Hitler is laughing

Putin slaps a child

Calling it mortal baptism

Kyiv burns

Sing for Ukraine

Truman watches in ghost

UN makes loft eloquent speeches

As Kyiv goes up in flames

The World caught in disbelief

Sing for Ukraine

A people of solid resilience

Step out to meet the aggressor

Tanks scare them not

The insane little Tzar of Kremlin shocked

Sends a convoy of hate

Kyiv burns

Sing for Ukraine

Victory may be a dream

A people resolved are faith

Zelensky becomes of age

Sirens of death fear not

Kyiv is in flames

Sing for Ukraine

Stalin is drunk again

Meet me in Kyiv

We do them solidarity

The insane little Tzar of Kremlin

Will rain us bombs

Kyiv burns.

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