LYRICS (transliteration)

Oi u luzi chervona kalyna pohylylaysa

Chohos nasha slavna Ukraina zazhurylaysa

A mi tuyu chervonu kalynu pidememo

A mi nashu slavnu Ukrainu hey-hey rozleselymo

Oh, in the meadow a red kalyna has bent down low,
For some reason, our glorious Ukraineis in sorrow.

And we'll take that red kalyna and we will raise it up,

And we shall cheer up our glorious Ukraine, hey - hey!

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Oh, the Red Viburnum in the Meadow (Ukrainian: Ой у лузі червона калина - Oi u luzi chervona kalyna) is a Ukrainian patriotic march of the time of Bohdan Khmelnytsky time, first published in 1875 by Volodymyr Antonovych and Mykhailo Drahomanov,[2][3][4] which became the anthem of the Ukrainian Sich Riflemen in the arrangement and text version of Stepan Charnetsky. Known in several versions. It was also sung in UPA units, written in a modern treatment by the composer Stepan Charnetsky in 1914, in honor and memory of the Sich Riflemen.

The red viburnum of the song (*kalyna* in Ukrainian)—a deciduous shrub that grows four to five metres tall—is referenced throughout Ukrainian folklore.[1]

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Due to the song's association with the Ukrainian people's aspiration for independence, singing of the song was banned during the period in which Ukraine was a Soviet Republic(1919-1991). Nevertheless, it was sung by Ukrainian patriots, with defiance; anyone caught singing it was jailed, beaten, and even exiled.[5]

2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine[edit]

In March 2022 the song gained international attention when an Instagram video of an a cappella rendition by Andriy Khlyvnyuk of the Ukrainian band BoomBox singing the first verse of the song[6] was remixed by different artists around the world.