

GVM009_BatonebisNanina_Tbilisi_Mzetamze_20160919

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Singers: Ensemble "Mzetamze": Nana Valishvili, Nunuka Shvelidze, Nino Kalandadze, Tea Kasaburi.

Batonebis Nanina belongs to the group of healing songs, which are sung in almost all parts of Georgia. This is an individual genre of Georgian vocal music. Batonebis are lords, princes, good spirits or even angels, who, according to one legend, come "across the Black Sea" and bring diseases, inhabit the body of a child, and sometimes take him into their kingdom. To host spirits with honor, the family performs a special ritual and sings special healing songs ("bat'onoebi"). This version of the song belongs to the Imereti region.