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Russian Lawmaker Welcomes Crimea With Serenade (Video)

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Astrakhan deputy Andrei Ivantsov marks Crimea's entry into Russia with a song. (Andrei Ivantsov / YouTube)

Russia's annexation of Crimea was accompanied by a quite a lot of singing — mostly of the Russian national anthem — but a member of the Astrakhan region's assembly has celebrated Russia's claim on the disputed region with his very own song.

A music video for the song, "Crimea," performed by Liberal Democratic Party member Andrei Ivantsov and posted on YouTube on Tuesday, begins with President Vladimir Putin's announcement about the annexation before the regional deputy and his musical partners serenade the peninsula.

The video sees Ivantsov walk from a snowy forest to the blue waters of Russia's newly added subject as he sings of "the wanderer coming home. Crimea is returning" and "Russian spring."

The Black Sea region, which overwhelmingly voted to be part of Russia after separatist troops took control of its government last month, has long inspired Russia's creative types, including "The Seagull" author Anton Chekhov.

However, the peninsula may have outdone itself in the case of Ivantsov's video, which combines a mixture of wailing guitar solos and lyrics in praise of circling seagulls to express appreciation for Russia's newest addition.

The clip is nothing new for the Astrakhan lawmaker, however, who has more than 20 videos on his YouTube page, including one about driving his Jaguar.

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