



Belfast 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Grup Yorum,

We send this letter to all of you and to the memory of İbrahim Gökçek, in solidarity.

This is a community letter, written by adding and adding single lines on FB, by participants and followers of Letters with wings which is an initiative of activist poetry:

Thanks İbrahim Gökçek, thanks to your wife in prison and to the members of the band Grup Yorum.

You all and İbrahim Gökçek have been heard throughout the world. Let your free song fill the streets and break the chains and bars of the prisons inside and outside of us! May your free song be ours too. Anyone who loves music knows that nobody can stop it.

Your singing will arrive everywhere, where there is a man or a woman who fights for justice and freedom, may it give courage to those who wait and ability to resist to those who already walk. May your sacrifice improve humanity.

Silence on crimes is the worst crime. May the words destroy the indifference one day. Because your name and your music build bridges for the world to follow; the world is now poorer without your stride. But your voice, İbrahim, we still hear across the firmament.

With full hands we bring you flowers, İbrahim, and aloud we ask for freedom and justice for those who still remain oppressed and prisoner. Doves of courage support you. After a long struggle you still live, after 323 fasting days, your ideals remain with us, like a relief into the storm. Your resistance is our force. We respect your integrity and courage in the face of oppression.

You, hero. We, citizens of the whole free world, wish that freedom of expression will be guaranteed everywhere and that men and women who have not committed any crime, except that of speaking and singing freely, will no longer be kept in prison. Long live justice, long live freedom!

Bye, İbrahim.

The soul leaves like a dove, pure and light. Let us remember his soul.

The spirit of freedom will stay with us forever. May your voice light up the world.

Letters with wings