



WINFRIED GRUBER

**it's windy, isn't it?**



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The opener is a joyous dance, **su ballu de babalottusu**, the dance of the **Babalotti**. That's how the many insects crawling and flying around at night are called in **Sardinia** (#11). I spent many summers on the island becoming deeply inspired by the beauty of its scenery and the mysteries of its culture. Back in Vienna, my bass player and friend Karl Sayer brought what I considered 3 parts of a song, **No need to run**. I decided to add the so called B part, I hope without undermining his invitation to keep cool in the face of change. The title track, **It's windy, isn't it?** (a gimmick around one of the authors nick-names), was composed in the seventies and is the oldest tune on this album. **Angela**, the only non original, was written by Luigi Tenco, the Italian singer of disillusion and despair, who ended his life at the age of 28, after failing at the Festival of Sanremo and at the same time being neglected by the woman he desired.

"es ist in allen Kellern heller als in meinem Darm"

This line from Walter Serners Elegy No 9 has accompanied me for many years and echoes in the first interlude of a piece that evolved into a suite: **Expectation**, the latest composition on this album. Its subtitle, **sehnen und wännen**, is an ironic reference to the suspended atmospheres of romanticism. The first four bars of **Very old** got lost, all of a sudden reappeared and led to a piece that builds around the original melody. **A.S.P.** borrows the ending from Lennie Tristanos Carol and **No sugar** comes out Martina Hübels lyrics, a long dated friend and poetess. The moody **Impromptu** leads to **Il Ghiacciaio**, the picture of a glacier melting and crumbling down into a final apocalypse. To conclude, a simple song: on and on **It whispers...**



Primus Sitter



Winfried Gruber



Klaus Dickbauer



Daniel Aebi



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Karl Sayer



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1	Babalotti (su ballu de babalottusu)	5:28
2	No need to run	4:12
3	It's windy, isn't it?	4:02
4	Angela	6:10
5	Expectation (sehnen und wännen)	6:17
6	Very old	5:59
7	A.S.P.	5:29
8	No sugar	3:43
9	Impromptu	4:01
10	Il ghiacciaio	5:07
11	Sardinia	5:41
12	It whispers	2:24
	Total time	58:50

**Winfried Gruber** piano, voice  
**Klaus Dickbauer** altosax, clarinets  
**Primus Sitter** guitar  
**Karl Sayer** bass  
**Daniel Aebi** drums

All lyrics and music by Winfried Gruber except *Angela* by Luigi Tenco,  
*No need to run* and *It whispers* by Karl Sayer and Winfried Gruber,  
*No sugar* by Marina Huebl and Winfried Gruber



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