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01. 39 I Ching [4:34] 02. The Theatre Of Mist [6:54] 03. Third Stone From The Sun [3:31] 04. Natural Landscapes (1) [2:56] 05. Free-P [3:44] 06. Tensegretty [4:07] 07. The Talking Meadow (Story) [16:15] 08. Natural Landscapes (2) [2:42] 09. Lullaby For Rainbow Warrior [3:24] 10. The North Of The World [4:36] 11. In Your Head (Dust) [1:40] 12. The (Live) Personnel: (1) Anna Nacher - guitar, vocal Piotr Theatre Of Mist [7:32] 13. Kosovo [3:12] Kolecki - guitar Marek Leszczynski - dulcimer Tomasz Radziuk - bass guitar Marek Styczynski - zither arco (2) Piotr Kolecki - guitar, baby toys Marek Leszczynski - dulcimer, bells Tomasz Gulinski - vocal, miniharmonium Tomasz Radziuk - bass guitar Marek Styczynski - Slovakian pastoral fujara, tampura, double bells, czurynga (3) Piotr Kolecki - guitars Marek Leszczynski dulcimer, rattles Tomasz Gulinski - vocal, gong Tomasz Radziuk - bass guitar Atman - vocals (4) Piotr Kolecki - guitars Marek Leszczynski - dulcimer, bells (5) Piotr Kolecki - guitar, bass guitar, zither Marek Leszczynski - dulcimer Anna Nacher - voice Tomasz Radziuk - bass guitar (6) Anna Nacher - guitar, vocal Maciej Maciejewski - guitar Marek Styczynski - gong Wojtek Kucharczyk - drums (7) Piotr Kolecki - guitar arco, rattles Marek Leszczynski dulcimer, rattles Anna Nacher - vocal Tomasz Gulinski - vocal, ceramic drum Tomasz Radziuk - bass guitar Marek Styczynski - shahnai, didjeridu, X oboe, double bells, shamanistic frame drum (8) Piotr Kolecki - guitar Marek Leszczynski - dulcimer (9) Anna Nacher - vocal, guitar Wojtek Kucharczyk - drums Marek Styczynski - didjeridu, rattles, czurynga (10) Anna Nacher guitar, vocal Wojtek Kucharczyk - drums Marek Styczynski - Jew's harp, pastoral trumpet (11) Anna Nacher - lamellophones (12) Piotr Kolecki - drumbass Marek Leszczynski - dulcimer, rattles Anna Nacher - vocal, rattles, wooden blocks Slawomir Golaszewski - clarinet Robert Brylewski - guitar, rattles Marek Styczynski - Slovakian pastoral fujara Drummers from Wolimierz - hand made drums, rattles (13) Robert Brylewski - guitar Anna Nacher - voice, rattles Marek Styczynski - voice, rattles Marek Leszczynski - voice, rattles Piotr Kolecki voice, rattles

From Poland, Atman plays acoustic psychedelic folk music that includes traces of rock and jazz. They use a wide range of instrumentation that I couldn't begin to list, but will quote the following from their web page: "During their concerts the musicians of Atman use dozens of exclusively acoustic instruments originating mainly in Asia, Europe and Australia. Some of them are

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completely unique - ancient Polish dulcimer, singing bowls and other liturgic Tibetan instruments, Australian didjeridu and Slovakian pastoral fujara - while others are built following the models of "extinct" instruments and created in workshops headed by members of the group".

The band has apparently been together for nearly 20 years releasing tapes on their own Fly Records label. On "Tradition" the band is a six piece consisting of Anna Nacher, Marek Styczynski, Marek Leszczynski, Piotr Koleck, Tomasz Radziuk, and Tomasz Gulinski.

The music is subtly complex and utilizes the band's array of instrumentation to create an ethnic psychedelia that will make you want to dance in the woods and call up the spirits of the forest. Various members have apparently traveled in Tibet and India and the influences of these countries are apparent in the music. They even do a cover of Jimi Hendrix's "Third Stone From The Sun" making it fit completely with the style of the other songs on this disc. Anna Nacher's vocals are a gorgeous chanting style. She often sings in what I'm sure is her native Polish though words are unnecessary for enjoying the music. Many songs include multiple layers of stringed instruments all with their own distinct identity making this a trippy journey across many cultures and continents. ---Jerry Kranitz, aural-innovations.com

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