



Various Artists

A Houseguest's Wish: Translations of Wire's 'Outdoor Miner'

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is Words On Music's 25th Anniversary tribute to the seminal Wire song, "Outdoor Miner." Released in 1979 as a 7" single (and appearing in a more skeletal version on their *Chairs Missing* LP), fans and critics have long regarded *Outdoor Miner* as one of Wire's finest moments — and one of their rare early excursions into unbridled, sugar-coated pop.

The *Outdoor Miner* single was poised to be Wire's breakthrough song in their native England in 1979 until the British Market Research Bureau, compilers of the BBC charts, withdrew the single on allegations EMI had improperly hyped the single's sales. As a result, Wire narrowly missed appearing on the influential Top Of The Pops television program, and remained a band with credible cult status but no hit records. On the Silver Anniversary of *Outdoor Miner's* release, Words On Music sets free this brilliant pop song once more through a full-length album tribute. Choosing a single Wire song for this novel project is particularly apt in light of the band's 1991 album *The Drill* — which contains nine reworkings of the title track.

Words On Music has assembled interpretations by 19 artists from five countries (Germany, Spain, United Kingdom, Canada, USA) into one stunning and diverse collection. This novel project translates *Outdoor Miner* into folk (England's Sharron Kraus), blues (Christian Kiefer), punk (Germany's Boy Division), an intimate orchestral ballad (above the orange trees) noise-rock (England's Flying Saucer Attack), postrock (Timonium), twee (Laura Watling), and even a clarinet-escorted instrumental (Should).

Featured appearances on this tribute include an acoustic excursion by Swervedriver frontman Adam Franklin, a buoyant pop rendition by Typewriter (Lucy Show singer Mark Bandola), Lush's dazzling and energetic 1991 recording, and the Beach Boys harmony-laden rendering by Kick On The Floods — the new project by For Stars singer Carlos Forster.

Outdoor Miner's strange subject matter — that of the leaf-dwelling serpentine miner insect — was once described by Wire singer and bassist Graham Lewis as their 'least commercial lyric.' But by integrating such impenetrable words into what is otherwise an extremely hummable, catchy pop song, *Outdoor Miner* transcends niche, cult-song status: it is a fertile composition capable of metamorphosis.

Track Listing

Adam Franklin (4.01)
Titania (2.02) [mp3]
Kick On The Floods (3.04) [mp3]
Timonium (4.52)
Polar (4.24)
Typewriter (2.29)
Fiel Garvie (3.41)
Lush (2.47)
Experimental Aircraft (3.01)
above the orange trees (5.27)
Christian Kiefer (1.45) [mp3]
Flying Saucer Attack (2.39)
Boy Division (1.36)
Sharron Kraus (3.26)
The Meeting Places (2.47)
Laura Watling (2.37)
Should (3.55)
The Sems (2.47)
Junetile (3.49)

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Titania's version of 'Outdoor Miner' can be heard as an audio sample on the Words on Music site.