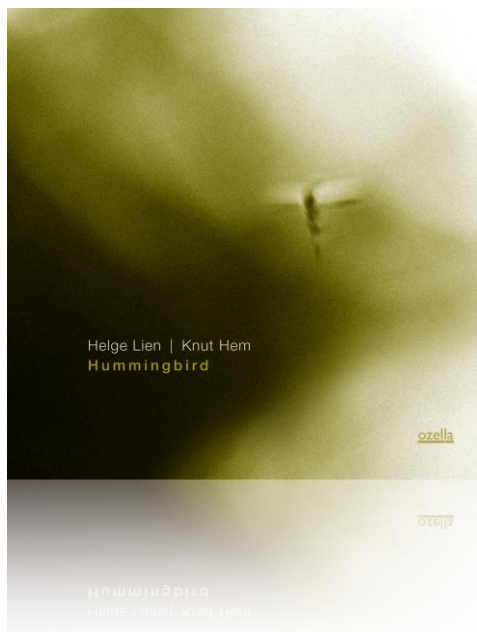


## Paris, Texas to Oslo, Norway?

Audio CD



## Helge Lien & Knut Hem Hummingbird

It's a whopping 7644,27 km to get from Oslo to Paris, Texas. But once Helge Lien and Knut Hem reach for their dobro and piano, the distance feels like a stone's throw. Combining the best from jazz and bluegrass, these two exceptional musicians are revealing the bewildering similarities between two contradictory worlds: The silent melancholy of the fjords and the endless solitude of the canyons; the freezing cold of the Norwegian hinterland and the red-hot freedom of the American highways.

References to Wim Wenders and Ry Cooder are entirely coincidental. And yet, the term 'cinematic americana' fits this music like a glove. Next to his dobro, Knut Hem's Weissenborn, a legendary instrument from the 1930s and a spin on the well known lapsteel guitar, is at the heart of this unique sound. As one of the leading specialists on the Weissenborn, Hem is capable of extracting every single nuance from it, creating a brilliant and crystal clear tone from it. And yet, it is precisely in those instances, when Lien's piano temporarily takes the initiative that *Hummingbird* truly lifts off.

There may be many thousands of kilometres between Oslo and Paris, Texas. But you couldn't even slip a piece of paper between these two musicians.

### Tracklist

#### 1. Dis

(music: Knut Hem)

#### 2. Take another five

(music: Knut Hem)

#### 3. Winterland

(music: Knut Hem)

#### 4. Moster

(music: Helge Lien)

#### 5. Music box

(music: Knut Hem)

#### 6. Rafferty

(music: Knut Hem)

#### 7. We hide and seek

(music: Jerry Douglas)

#### 8. Hummingbird

(music: Helge Lien)

### 3:56 Musicians

4:28 HELGE LIEN: piano  
KNUT HEM: dobro, Weissenborn

7:17 Produced: Helge Lien and Knut Hem  
Recorded: April 5 and June 13–14 2016  
in Propeller Music Division Studios, Oslo, Norway  
Recording engineer: Michael Scott Hartung  
Mixed by Michael Scott Hartung  
Mastered by Hans-Jörg Mauksch Pauler  
Acoustics, Germany

4:36 Piano: C. Bechstein C-234  
Piano technician: Trond Hellstrøm

6:41

Bonus tracks (Download link inside):

**Almost on my own** (Knut Hem)

**Hymn** (Knut Hem)

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