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01 - *Goin' Down South* 05:18 02 - *Somebody* 04:28 03 - *Don't Let Me Down* 05:13 04 - *Lookin' For Somebody* 03:57 05 - *I Could Have Loved You* 03:33 06 - *Commit A Crime* 03:30 07 - *Crosscut Saw* 02:56 08 - *So Many Lines* 03:54 09 - *Blues For Renzo* 03:47 10 - *Moanin' At Midnight* 03:42 11 - *Give It A Shot!* 02:43 Big Pete – vocals, harmonica Andre Dieterman – guitars Arno Ververs – double bass Gerrit Wagemakers – drums

No other phrase does justice to the savvy blend of seasoned musicianship and showtime flair the Southern-born of Holland blues singer and harmonica player Sven van de Berg and his rockin' blues crew have for a few years now.

The Kingsnakes, a four piece blues band from Zaltbommel, the Netherlands mix excellent musicianship with a dynamic stage presence. They left no doubt that this is not just another electric blues band. These musicians provide versatile, intensive versions of vintage blues numbers as well as original material, always leaving their own distinctive stamp on each number. They've found that place beyond imitation where invention sets in. Sven van den Berg, the singer/harmonica player has a raw-edged voice which is growing stronger when the evening is in progress. Besides all of this he has a no-nonsense style of harmonica-playing. Guitar player André Dieterman and drummer Eric Labadie played with their band 'The Imperials' with Roel Spanjers on Hammond organ before Sven and Arno joined the band. Roel was invited to play with a lot of famous musicians and left the band.

The guys changed their name to the 'Kingsnakes' a few years later. Everybody in the band is into different stuff so it's always been a band with lots of influences but that plays its own style. They play music that's raw, that comes out from the feeling the old guys put out, the Kingsnakes got their own thing. They really rock the blues. It's that extra creative dimension - the ability to build their music around inventive concepts - which separates The Kingsnakes from the ranks of

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seasoned blueshounds on the rail of clubs, sweat and beers. This band just won't behave! There is a network of blues societies, blues nightclub owners, promoters and radiostations in the Benelux, Germany, Sweden, Italy, Spain and America that loves their music and it has its own market.

With their latest cd 'Don't let me down' on record company Hell and Devil Music with special guests as Enrico Crivellaro [James Harman, 13 featuring Lester Butler, Lynwood Slim Bluesband, Rick Holmstrom] and Roel Spanjers [Sunset Travellers, Luther Allison, Eddy 'the Chief' Clearwater], they made a mix of rockin' blues with a swing touch which fools around your feet and messes up your mind!

Discovered by the legendary American producer Jerry Hall [James Harman, Kid Ramos, Little Charlie and the Nightcats, Lynwood Slim, B.B. and the Blues Shacks] and played on the radio in Los Angeles, New York, Stockholm, Madrid and Milan, even sell CD's in New Zealand and Australia, Dutch blues really set it's landmark. --- kingsnakes.nl

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