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1. Tie breaker
2. Strike
3. Mountaineers
4. Weird creatures
5. Jasmine lady
6. Always ready
7. Stray sheep

Musicians: Michał Urbaniak - violin, Urszula Dudziak – voice, percussion Zbigniew Namysłowski – alto saxophone Kenny Kirkland - Fender Piano, Poly-moog, Mini-moog Tony Bunn – bass Lurenda Featherstone – drums Tie Breaker is dedicated to Wojtek Fibak.

Michal Urbaniak states "This is a very special album recorded spontaneously on a surprised reunion with my dearest friend, my first big influence, fantastic musician, leader, composer and arranger Zbigniew Namyslowski." That explains a lot about this release from 1977 on Inner City Records. Urbaniak's fusion sound had turned funkier after his "Funk Factory" release in 1976 but somehow this album explores further into a type of jazz that seems truly influenced by Namyslowski's playing and writing style. Namyslowski's and Urbaniak's compositions were probably written for this release and they display a sort of harmonic melody formed by Urbaniak's violin and/or lyricon, Dudziak's wordless vocals and Namyslowski's alto sax. The funk factor is still present but there is an implied simplicity perhaps achieved by the spontaneity of the surprise reunion recording. Personnel are: Michal Urbaniak on violin and lyricon, Zbigniew Namyslowski on sax and flute, Urszula Dudziak on voice and percussion, the late Kenny Kirkland, whose contribution to this album is amazing, Tony Brown on bass and Lurenda Featherstone on drums. This album was a great recording to begin with and the re-issued CD by Inner City Records makes the quality of the music even better and more enjoyable. We hope they also re-release Zbigniew Namyslowski from around the same time. They already released Urszula Dudziak's album "Future Talk" from the same era. --- musicalmissingpiece.blogspot.com

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