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01. *Super Trouper* – 4:11 [play](#) 02. *The Winner Takes It All* – 4:55 03. *On And On And On* – 3:40 04. *Andante, Andante* – 4:38 05. *Me And I* – 4:54 06. *Happy New Year* – 4:23

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07. *Our Last Summer* – 4:19 08. *The Piper* – 3:26 09. *Lay All Your Love On Me* – 4:34 10. *The Way Old Friends Do (Live)* – 2:57

Personnel: - Agnetha Fältskog – vocals - Anni-Frid Lyngstad – vocals - Benny Andersson - synthesizer, keyboards, vocals, producer - Björn Ulvaeus – acoustic guitar, vocals, producer + - Janne Schaffer, Lasse Wellander – guitar - Rutger Gunnarsson – bass, guitar - Mike Watson – bass - Ola Brunkert, Per Lindvall – drums - Åke Sundqvist – percussion - Janne Kling – flute, saxophone - Kajtek Wojciechowski – saxophone - Lars Carlsson – horn

Super Trouper is generally considered Abba's finest album. The overheated disco flourishes of Voulez-Vous were dropped and the sequencing was very nearly perfect. What's more, silly lyrics metamorphose into things of wrenching beauty. The overall tone is rather somber--the unraveling of the band members' relationships underscores every track--but as usual Abba turn melancholy into uplifting pop music. This digipack version of the 1981 album includes two extra songs. "Put on Your White Sombrero" was recorded during the Super Trouper sessions but was replaced on the album by the title track; it's in the band's Spanish vein and comes with a throbbing synthesizer hook. "Elaine," meanwhile, was the B-side of "The Winner Takes It All" single. An uptempo number, "Elaine" is far from being a throwaway. --Elisabeth Vincentelli

Super Trouper is the seventh studio album by Swedish pop group ABBA, first released in 1980. Led by the international hit "The Winner Takes It All", Super Trouper was the group's sixth chart-topping album in the UK. It was also the best-selling album in Britain for 1980. Super

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Trouper was first released on CD in 1983 by Atlantic Records, again in the 1980s by Polar International, and in the 1990s by Polydor in the USA. The album has been reissued in digitally remastered form four times; first in 1997, then in 2001, again in 2005 as part of the The Complete Studio Recordings box set and as a Deluxe Edition (containing a bonus DVD) in 2011. The previous year's divorce between Björn and Agnetha was explored in "The Winner Takes It All", and the members' lives in Stockholm high society circles coloured the lyrics for "On and On and On". Other well-known songs on the album include the hit single title track "Super Trouper", as well as the electro-dance of "Lay All Your Love on Me".

Probably due to the disco backlash of the time, the album saw ABBA returning to a more straight-forward pop sound, as opposed to the preceding (and noticeably more dance-oriented) Voulez-Vous album.

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