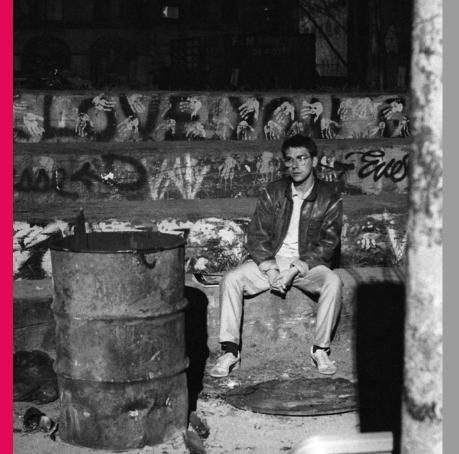
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# 1979

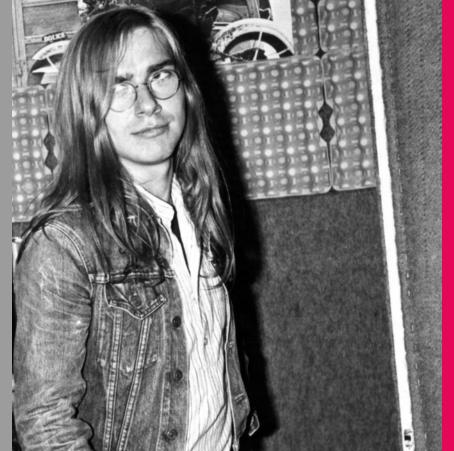
piece from 1979. It was a fully notated composition for electric guitar, bass and drums. I wrote this piece for my band at that time with Günther Schmölzer (fretless electric bass) and Erwin Schmölzer (drums). After intensive rehearsals, it unfortunately never came to a performance, because the band broke up after a short time. The piece made me curious. I wanted to hear weather or not it still contained some interesting aspects and decided to record it.

That was the start of the search for other forgotten and never performed compositions for and with electric guitar and the intense preoccupation with it in turn led to new compositions.

## **PILGRIMAGE**

The PILGRIMAGE is the only song of this selection, which I have already recorded earlier. Under the title WALLFAHRT it is part of the vinyl album 751 for the label AXON, performed with my quartet OPEN ART BAND: Klaus Dickbauer (sax), Günther Schmölzer (bass), Roland Punzenberger (drums).

I always wanted to redo it in a less "jazzy" way.





### QUARTET

fully notated composition for synthesizer, electric guitar, electric bass and drums of the same year, and just like 1979, we were rehearsing this piece only, but never performed it live.

The band with Günther Schmölzer (fretless electric bass) and Erwin Schmölzer (drums) was completed by Jolanda Sieghart (synthesizer).

Apparently, I was interested at that time in polyphonic structures. Also of interest is the mirrored synthesizer theme.

# **ODYSSEY**

Besides PILGRIMAGE, this solo piece for guitar is the only one that has already been performed live. During the joint tour with the keyboard player Robert Spour in 1995 in Colombia, I've performed ODYSSEY in Bogotá, Medellín and other cities.

These were also my first performances with electric guitar and laptop.



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