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# Mariza



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# **MUSICIANS**

vocals Mariza

Portuguese guitar Angelo Freire

acoustic guitar (viola de fado) Diogo Clemente

acoustic bass Marino de Freitas

drums, percussion Vicky

piano, trumpet Simon James

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Please note that there will be no intermission.

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PROGRAM NOTES — TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS

# What is fado?

It has been said that Mariza is the reigning "queen of *fado*." But what exactly is *fado*? The word itself translates as "destiny" or "fate" and the often mournful tone of the music has led to *fado* being called the "Portuguese blues." As a musical form it has been around at least since the early 19th century, although some scholars believe its origins to be much older. But perhaps it is best to let Mariza take up the story in her own words. "It was the music of Portuguese sailors, of African slaves, of Brazilians. It was a fusion of cultures. Our sailors and explorers spread Portuguese culture abroad, but they brought some back too."

Central to the spirit of *fado* is the notion of *saudade*. The word is almost impossible to translate but Mariza has he own simple but eloquent explanation. "It's a fantastic word about separation and reconnection. *Saudade* is when you miss something. It could be in a happy way or a sad way. It could be a person, a country, a house, a smell. You could have *saudade* about many things."

The means, she says, that *fado* does not always have to be melancholic. "It's realistic rather than sad and it takes you deep into the soul of a human being. In *fado* we sing about many things, God, love, death and sadness—but happiness, too."

Yet among younger people, *fado*'s popularity had begun to fade. For a brief moment, it seemed that perhaps the music would die with its great star. Inspired by Amália Rodrigues's example, however, a new group of youthful *fado* singers, led

by Mariza, set about reinvigorating *fado* as a fresh and vibrant form. Since her first recording seven years ago, Mariza has taken *fado* to a new and younger audience, not only in Portugal but around the world. "When I give concerts, I see people cry who don't speak Portuguese," she says. "They might not understand the words. But they recognize that the feelings in the music can speak to everyone."

# The Portuguese guitar

You will notice that Mariza's backing group play two different kinds of guitar. The more familiarlooking instrument is a standard acoustic guitar (guitarra acustica, in Portuguese), just like those you will find being played by folk groups all over the world—including the famous flamenco guitarists of neighboring Spain. The unfamiliar model with its more rounded shape, which makes it look rather like a lute, is a unique instrument known as the Portuguese guitar (guirarra Portuguesa). As well as its distinctive shape, there are several other important differences, too. The most significant is that while the standard acoustic guitar has six strings, the Portuguese guitar has 12 strings, positioned across the feet board in six sets of two. The 12 strings give a much sharper, ringing tone, as you will notice in Mariza songs. The resonant, unmistakable sound is one of the defining characteristics of fado, counterbalanced by the softer strumming of the more universally familiar acoustic guitar.

#### Recurso

David Mourao-Ferreira & Tiago Machado

Apenas quando as lágrimas me dão Um sentido mais fundo ao teu segredo É que eu me sinto puro e me concedo A graça de escutar o coração.

Logo a seguir (porquê?), vem a suspeita De que em nós os dois tudo é premeditado. E as lágrimas então seguem o fado De tudo quanto o nosso amor rejeita.

Não mais queremos saber do coração, Nem nos importa o que ele nos concede, Regressando, febris, àquela sede Onde só vale o que os sentidos dão.

### Já Me Deixou

Artur Ribeiro & Max

A saudade andou comigo
E através do som da minha voz
No seu fado mais antigo
Fez mil versos a falar de nós
Troçou de mim à vontade
Sem ouvir sequer os meus lamentos
E por capricho ou maldade
Correu comigo a cidade
Até há poucos momentos

Já me deixou
Foi-se logo embora
A saudade a quem chamei maldita
Já nos meus olhos não chora
Já nos meus sonhos não grita
Já me deixou
Foi-se logo embora
Minha tristeza chegou ao fim
Já me deixou mesmo agora
Saíu pela porta for a
Ao ver-te voltar p'ra mim

Nem sempre a saudade é triste Nem sempre a saudade é pranto e dor Se em paga saudade existe A saudade não doi tant amor Mas eqnuanto tu não vinhas Foi tão grande o sofrimento meu Pois não sabia que tinhas Em paga às saudades minhas Mais saudades do que eu

#### Recourse

Only when tears give me A deeper sense of your secret Do I feel pure and do I grant The grace of listening to the heart.

Right away (why?), the suspicion arises
That in the two of us everything is premeditated.
And tears then follow the *fado*Of all that our love rejects.

We no longer wish to know of the heart Nor is what it gives important to us, Returning, febrile, to that thirst Where all that matters is what feelings give.

### Now It's Left Me

Yearning was always with me
In the sound of my voice
That in its most ancient of fados
Made a thousand verses about us
Sapping my will through mockery
Without even hearing my lamentations
And through caprice or malice
Traversed the city with me
Until a few moments ago

Now it's left me
It's gone right away
The yearning I called accursed
No longer weeps through my eyes
Nor shouts in my dreams
It's left me now
It's gone right away
My sorrow has come to an end
It's left me right now
It went out through the door
When it saw you come back to me

Yearning is not always sad Nor always weeping in pain If yearning's a payback Yearning hurts less than love Bur while you did not come My suffering was so great As I didn't know that you had as payback for my yearnings More yearnings than I

(Please turn the page quietly.)

**TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS** 

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### Maria Lisboa

Alain Oulman & David Mourão Ferreira

É varina, usa chinela, Tem movimentos de gata Na canastra, a caravela, No coração, a fragata...

Em vez de corvos no xaile Gaivotas vêm pousar... Quando o vento a leva ao baile Baila no baile com o mar...

É de conchas o vestido, Tem algas na cabeleira, E nas veias o latido Do motor de uma traineira...

Vende sonhos e maresia, Tempestades apregoa... Seu nome próprio: Maria... Seu apelido: Lisboa...

### Chuva

Jorge Fernando

As coisas vulgares que há na vida Não deixam saudade Só as lembranças que doem Ou fazem sorrir

Há gente que fica na historia Da historia da gente E outros de quem nem o nome Lembramos ouvir

São emoções que dão vida À saudade que trago Aquelas que tive contigo E acabei por perder

Há dias que marcam a alma E a vida da gente E aquele em que tu me deixaste Não posso esquecer

A chuva molhava-me o rosto Gelado e cansado As ruas que a cidade tinha Já eu percorrera

Ai, meu choro de moça perdida Gritava à cidade

### Maria Lisboa

A fisherman's wife, she wears slippers And moves like a cat With her basket, to the caravel, But in her heart, to the frigate...

Instead of ravens on her veil Seagulls come to rest... When the wind invites her to dance She dances the waltz of the sea...

Her dress is made of sea shells, She has seaweed in her hair, And in her veins still throbs The engine of the trawler...

She sells dreams and salt sea spray, Storms cry out her name... Her real name is Maria... But she is known as Lisboa...

### Rain

Things which are distasteful in life Leave us with no longing Only the memories which hurt Or make us smile

There are people who make history In the history of people And others we can't even Remember their names

They are emotions that give life To the longing I carry
Those which I had with you
And ended up losing

There are days that mark the soul And life of people And the day you left me I cannot forget

The rain drenched my face Cold and tired The streets of the city Each one I have wandered

Oh, my lost child lament Cried out to the city Que o fogo do amor sob a chuva Á instantes morrera

A chuva ouviu e calou Meu segredo à cidade E eis que ela bate no vidro Trazendo a saudade

# Morada Aberta Carlos Te & Rui Veloso

Diz-me o rio que conheço Como não conheço a mim Quanta mágoa vai correr Até o desamor ter fim

Tu nem me ouves lanceiro Por entre vales e montes Matando a sede ao salgueiro Lavando a alma das fontes

Vi o meu amor partir Num comboio de vaidades Foi à procura de mundo No carrossel das cidades

Onde o viver é folgado E dizem, não há solidão Mas eu no meu descampado Não tenho essa ilusão

Se eu fosse nuvem branca E não um farrapo de gente Vertia-me aguaceiro Dentro da tua corrente

E assim corria sem dor Sem de mim querer saber E como tu nesse rumor Amava sem me prender

Vai rio, que se faz tarde Para chegares a parte incerta Espalha por esses montes Que tenho morada aberta That love's fire under the rain Had died instants ago

The rain heard and kept My secret from the city And listen to how it beats on the glass Bringing that nostalgia back

### Open House

Tell me of the river that I know As I don't know myself How much pain will flow Until the hatred ends

You can't even hear me lancer Amongst the valleys and hills Quenching your thirst at the willow tree Washing your soul at the springs

I saw my love leaving On a train of vanities Going in search of the world On the carousel of the cities

Where the living is loose And where, they say, there's no solitude But I in my wilderness Do not have that illusion

If I were a white cloud Rather than a human speck I would release a shower of rain Into your current

And so I'd run with no pain Without wishing to know of me And like you in that babble Would love without taking hold

Go river, so it is late When you arrive at the uncertain part Spread amongst these hills Where I have an open house

(Please turn the page quietly.)

# Beijo de Saudade

B. Leza

Ondas sagradas do Tejo
Deixa-me beijar as tuas águas
Deixa-me dar-te um beijo
Um beijo de mágoa
Um beijo de saudade
Pra levar ao mar e o mar à minha terra

Nas tuas ondas cristalinas
Deixa-me dar-te um beijo
Na tua boca de menina
Deixa-me dar-te um beijo, óh Tejo
Um beijo de mágoa
Um beijo de saudade
Pra levar ao mar e o mar à minha terra

Minha terra é aquela pequenina É Cabo Verde terra minha Aquela que no mar parece criança É filha do oceano É filha do céu Terra da minha mãe Terra dos meus amores

# Meu Fado Meu

Paulo de Carvalho

Trago um fado no meu canto, Canto a noite até ser dia Do meu povo trago o pranto No meu canto a Mouraria

Tenho saudades de mim Do meu amor mais amado Eu canto um país sem fim O mar, a terra, o meu fado

Meu fado meu

De mim só me falto eu Senhora da minha vida Do sonho, digo que é meu E dou por mim já nascida

Trago um fado no meu canto Na minh'alma vem guardado Vem por dentro do meu espanto Á procura do meu fado

Meu fado meu

# Kiss of Yearning

Sacred waves of the Tagus
Let me kiss your waters
Let me give you a kiss
A kiss of sorrow
A kiss of yearning
To take out to sea and over the sea to my home

In your crystalline waves
Let me give you a kiss
On your sweet girl's mouth
Let me give you a kiss, oh Tagus
A kiss of sorrow
A kiss of yearning
To take out to sea and over the sea to my home

My homeland is that small one Cabo Verde is my home Like a child in the sea The daughter of the ocean The daughter of the sky Land of my mother Land of my loves

### My Own Fado

I bring a *fado* into my song
I sing the night until it turns to day
I bring my people's tears
Into my song Mouraria

I have a yearning for myself For my most beloved of loves I sing of a land without end The sea, the earth, my fado

My own fado

About me I miss only myself Mistress of my life About the dream, I say it is mine And find myself born already

I bring a *fado* into my song
It comes shielded in my soul
It comes from inside my own wonder
In search of my *fado* 

My own fado

# Barco Negro

Caco Velho-Piratini & David Mourão-Ferreira

De Manhã, que medo Que me achasses feia! Acordei, tremendo Deitada na areia... Mas logo os teus olhos Disseram que não E o sol penetrou no meu coração

Vi depois numa rocha, uma cruz E o teu barco negro Dançava na luz... Vi teu braço acenando, Entre as velas já soltas... Dizem as velhas da praia que não voltas

Dizem as velhas da praia que não São loucas! São loucas! Eu sei meu amor: Nem chegaste a partir Tudo, em meu redor, Me diz que estás sempre comigo.

No vento que lança Areia nos vidros; Na água que canta; No fogo mortiço; No calor do leito; Nos bancos vazios; No meu próprio peito estás sempre comigo.

# Cavalerio Monge

Mario Pacheco & Fernando Pessoa

Do vale à montanha,
Da montanha ao monte,
Cavalo de sombra, cavaleiro monge.
Por casas, por prados,
Por quintais, por fontes,
Caminhais aliados.

Do vale à montanha,
Da montanha ao monte,
Cavalo de sombra, cavaleiro monge.
Por penhascos pretos,
Atrás e de fronte,
Caminhais secretos.

### **Black Boat**

At daybreak, what fear
That you would find me ugly!
I awoke, trembling
Still lying in the sand...
But soon your eyes
Tell me it is not so
And the sun penetrates
My heart

Later, I saw a cross on a rock
And your dark boat
Dancing in the light...
I saw your arms waving
Between the billowing sails...
On the beach the old women say you will never return
They're crazy! They're crazy!
I know my love:
You have never ever left
Everything around says that
You will always be with me.

In the wind that blows
Sand against the windows;
In the water that sings;
In the fire's dying embers;
In the warmth of the bed;
On the empty benches;
Deep in my heart
You will always be with me.

### Monk Rider

From the valley to the mountain, From the mountain to the hill, Horse of shadow, monk rider. Through houses, through meadows, Through gardens, through fountains, In alliance you walk.

From the valley to the mountain, From the mountain to the hill, Horse of shadow, monk rider. Through black cliffs, Behind and ahead, In secrecy you walk.

(Please turn the page quietly.)

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Do vale à montanha,
Da montanha ao monte,
Cavalo de sombra, cavaleiro monge.
Por prados desertos,
Sem ter horizontes,
Caminhais libertos.

Do vale à montanha,
Da montanha ao monte,
Cavalo de sombra, cavaleiro monge.
Por ínvios caminhos,
Por rios sem ponte,
Caminhais sozinhos.

Do vale à montanha,
Da montanha ao monte,
Cavalo de sombra, cavaleiro monge.
Por quanto é sem fim,
Sem ninguém que o conte,
Caminhais em mim.

Por penhascos pretos, Por rios sem ponte, Caminhais em mim.

# Vozes do Mar (so Diogo)

Florbela Espanca & Diogo Clemente

Quando o sol vai caindo sobre as águas, Num nervoso delíquio de oiro intenso, Donde vem essa voz cheia de mágoa, Com que falas à terra oh mar imenso?

Tu falas de festins e cavalgadas? De cavaleiros errantes ao luar, Falas de caravelas encantadas Que dormem em teu seio a soluçar?

Tens cantos de epopeias? Tens anseios De amarguras? Tu tens também receios Oh mar cheio de esp'rança e majestade

Donde vem essa voz oh mar amigo? Talvez a voz de um Portugal antigo Chamando por Camões numa saudade. From the valley to the mountain, From the mountain to the hill, Horse of shadow, monk rider. Through desert meadows, Without horizons, In freedom you walk.

From the valley to the mountain, From the mountain to the hill, Horse of shadow, monk rider. Through trackless ways, Through rivers without bridges, In solitude you walk.

From the valley to the mountain, From the mountain to the hill, Horse of shadow, monk rider. For it is endless And accounted by no one, In me you walk.

Through black cliffs, Through rivers without bridges, In me you walk.

### Voices from the Sea

When the sun sinks over the waters
In a nervous deliquescence of gold intense
Whence comes this voice full of pain,
With which you speak to the earth oh immense sea?

Do you speak of banquets and cavalcades? Of knights errant in the moonlight, Do you speak of enchanted caravels Which sleep and weep on your breast?

Do you sing of epic deeds? Do you have unease About pain? Do you too have fears Oh sea full of hope and majesty

Whence comes this voice of friendly sea? Perhaps the voice of an ancient Portugal Summoned by Camóes in an act of yearning.

### Tasco da Mouraria

Paolo Abreu Lima & Rui Veloso

Cresce a noite pelas ruas de Lisboa E os meninos como eu foram dormir Só eu fico com o sonho que já voa Nesta estranha minha forma de sentir.

Deixo o quarto com passinhos de menina Num silêncio que respeita o mais sagrado Quando o brilho de meus olhos na cortina Se deleitam ao ouvir cantar o fado.

Meu amor, vai-te deitar, já é tarde Diz meu pai sempre que vem perto de mim Nesse misto de orgulho e de saudade De quem sente um novo amor no meu jardim.

E adormeço nos seus braços de guitarra Doce embalo que renasce a cada dia Esse sonho de cantar a madrugada Que foi berço num tasco da Mouraria.

#### Rosa Branca

José de Jesus Guimarães & Resende Dias

De rosa ao peito na roda Eu bailei com quem calhou Tantas voltas dei bailando Que a rosa se desfolhou

Quem tem, quem tem Amor a seu jeito Colha a rosa branca Ponha a rosa ao peito

Ó roseira, roseirinha Roseira do meu jardim Se de rosas gostas tanto Porque não gostas de mim?

### Minh'alma

Paulo de Carvalho

Alma ai! Minh'Alma Diz-me quem eu sou Alma ai! Minh'Alma Diz-me para onde vou

### Tavern in Mouraria

Night draws on in the streets of Lisbon And boys like me have gone to sleep Only I have the dream that I'm flying In my own strange way of feeling.

I leave my bedroom with the step of a girl In a silence which respects what is most sacred When my eyes as they shine on the curtain Delight in the *fado*'s song.

My love, go to bed, it's late My father always said it came close to me In that mixture of pride and yearning For the one who feels a new love in my garden.

And I sleep in your guitar arms Sweet rocking reborn with each day That dream of singing the dawn That was born in a tayern of Mouraria.

### White Rose

With a rose at my breast on the dance-floor I danced with whoever was there I danced so much That the rose fell to pieces

Whoever has, whoever has The gift of love Picks the white rose Puts it at their breast

Oh rose bush, little rose Rose bush in my garden If you love roses so much Why don't you love me?

### My Soul

Oh Soul! My Soul Tell me who I am Oh Soul! My Soul Tell me where I'm bound

(Please turn the page quietly.)

Lisboa vem namorar-me lá vou eu Pelas ruas do passado a correr O meu fado é o futuro mas eu juro Meu amor Que namoro o meu passado Sem lhe dizer para onde vou

Alma ai! Minh'Alma...

Quando saio de ao pé de mim eu sou o mar Doutras terras, doutras gentes que não vi O meu canto é o meu sonho não morreu Meu amor Meu amor eu sou o povo Sou mais longe do que eu

# Feira de Castro

Paulo Abreu Lima & Rui Veloso

Eu fui à Feira de Castro P'ra comprar um par de meias Vim de lá c'umas chanatas E dois brincos nas orelhas

As minhas ricas tamancas Pediam traje a rigor Vestido curto e decote Por vias deste calor

Quem vai à Feira de Castro E se apronta tão bonito Não pode acabar a Feira Sem entrar no bailarico

Sem entrar no bailarico A modos que bailação Ai que me deu um fanico Nos braços dum manganão

Vai acima, vai abaixo Mais beijinho, mais bejeca E lá se foi o capacho Deixando o velho careca

Todo o testo quer um tacho Mas como recordação Apenas trouxe o capacho Qu'iludiu meu coração

Eu fui à Feira de Castro Eu vim da Feira de Castro E jurei para mais não... Lisbon, make love to me, that's where I'm bound Running through the streets of the past My fado is the future but I vow My love
That I will make love to my past
Without saying where I'm bound

Oh Soul! My Soul...

When I get away from myself I am the sea
Of other lands, of other people who I've never seen
My song and my dream have not died
My love
My love I am the people
I am farther from me

### The Fair at Castro

I went to the fair at Castro To buy a pair of stockings I came out with a pair of clogs And two rings in my ears

My beautiful wooden shoes Required formal attire Low necked and short dress Due to this heath

Who goes to the fair at Castro And so beautifully attired Cannot finish the fun Without a bit of dancing

Without a bit of dancing More like a sort of a ball I almost fainted In the arms of a certain trickster

Going up, going down
One more kiss, one more pint
Out went the wig
Bold the old man became

Any cover asks for a pot But as a souvenir I only brought the wig That deluded my heart

I went to the fair of Castro I came from the fair at Castro And swore never more...

# Oiça Lá Ó Senhor Vinho

Alberto James

Oiça lá ó senhor vinho Vai responder-me, mas com franqueza Porque é que tira toda a firmeza A quem encontra no seu caminho?

Lá por beber um copinho a mais Até pessoas pacatas Amigo vinho em desalinho Vossa mercê faz andar de gatas.

É mau procedimento e há intenção Naquilo que faz.

Entra-se em desequilibro Não há equilíbrio que seja capaz.

As leis da física falham E a vertical, de qualquer lugar Oscila sem se deter E deixa de ser perpendicular.

Eu já fui respão do vinho
A folha solta a brincar ao vento
Fui raio de sol, no firmamento
Que trouxe á uva doce carinho
Ainda guardo o calor do sol
E assim eu até dou vida
Aumento o valor seja de quem for
Na boa conta, peso e medida.

E só faço mal a quem
Me julga ninguém, faz pouco de mim
Quem me trata como agua
É ofensa pagua, eu cá sou assim
Vossa mercê tem razão
É ingratidão falar mal do vinho
E a provar o que digo
Vamos meu amigo, a mais um copinho.

### Primavera

David Mourão-Ferreira & Pedro Rodrigues

Todo o amor que nos prendera Como se fora de cera Se quebrava e desfazia Ai funesta primavera Quem me dera, quem nos dera Ter morrido nesse dia

### Listen Here, Senhor Wine

Listen here, Senhor Wine Tell me now, quite frankly Why do you take all steadiness From those you meet in your path?

Just one small glass too much And even the mildest of men Become deranged on friend wine Rewarded by walking on all fours.

It's a dirty trick, but there's a purpose In all that you do.

One becomes unbalanced With no equilibrium to be found.

The laws of physics fail
And the vertical, all around
Sways you can't help it—
And you are no longer upright.

I was once the keeper of wine
The lonely leaf playing in the wind
I was the sunbeam on the earth
Caressing the sweet grape
I still hold the warmth of the sun
And thus even life I give
Enriching it's quality for everyone
In number, weight and size.

I only harm those
Who think I am nothing, who belittle me
And who treat me like water—
For this they pay, that's how I am
Your Grace, you are right
It's so ungrateful to speak badly of wine
And to prove to you what I say
Come my friend, let's have another glass!

### Spring

All the love that seized us As if made of wax it was Was broken and undone Ah, fatal spring How I wish, how we wish To have died that day

(Please turn the page quietly.)

TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS — ABOUT THE ARTIST

E condenaram-me a tanto Viver comigo meu pranto Viver, viver e sem ti Vivendo sem no entanto Eu me esquecer desse encanto É somente o que nos dão

O que nos dão a comer Que importa que o coração Diga que sim ou que não Se continua a viver

Todo o amor que nos prendera Se quebrara e desfizera Em pavor se convertia Ninguém fale em primavera

Quem me dera, quem nos dera Ter morrido nesse dia.

# Ó Gente da minha Terra

Tiago Machado & Amalia Rodrigues

Ó Gente da minha Terra Agora é que eu percebi Esta tristeza que trago Foi de vós que recebi

É meu e vosso este fado Destino que nos amarra Por mais que seja negado Ás cordas de uma guitarra

Sempre que se ouve um gemido Duma guitarra a cantar Fica-se logo perdido Com vontade de chorar

E pareceria ternura Se eu me deixasse embalar Era maior a amargura Menos triste o meu cantar And condemned I was
To have weeping living with me
To live, to live and without you
Living and not, however,
Forgetting that enchantment
That I lost in that day

It's the only thing we get What matters if the heart Says yes or says no If it keeps on living

All the love that seized us Was broken, was undone In fear was converted Let no one speak of spring

How I wish, how we wish To have died that day.

# Oh, People of My Land

Oh, people of my land It's only now that I perceive This sadness which I carry Was from you received

This ballad is both yours and mine United by our destiny No matter how much is denied By the strings of a guitar

Whenever we hear a lament Of a guitar playing We are soon filled With a longing to weep

It would seem a kindness
If I were able to soothe it
And by releasing the sorrow
Make my song less melancholy

With her striking looks and even more striking voice, **Mariza** has, in just a few short years, gone from singing in the backroom of a Lisbon bar to selling out the world's top concert halls, from New York to Moscow and from the Sydney Opera House to the Barbican.

Today, she is recognized the world over as the queen of the Portuguese musical style know as *fado*. Yet she was not born in Portugal, but in Mozambique. "My father is Portuguese but my mother is African," she explains. "We moved to Portugal when I was three, but I still have a few memories from Mozambique." She recalls this early life in Africa in some of her songs, such as *Transparente*.

In the Portuguese capital of Lisbon, her family took over a small taverna in a neighborhood called Mouraria. It's an area with a long and rich association with *fado*'s history and at weekends, her father would employ *fado* musicians to entertain customers. "I fell in love with the sound of the Portuguese guitar coming up through the floor and I started to sing *fado* when I as five years old," Mariza recalls.

As she grew older, her school friends told her that *fado* was old-fashioned and she tried singing in pop, jazz and soul styles. But her love of *fado* had taken deep root and she soon returned to it. Singing in Lisbon's *fado* bars and tavernas, she began to develop a following, although she never had any ambition to become a global superstar. She was well into her twenties before she recorded her first album, 2001's *Fado em Mim*. Even then, thoughts of international success were far from her mind. "I made the first record as a gift to my father," she says.

The record became a bestseller in Portugal and was then released around the world. Rave reviews and further award-winning recordings followed. Within an astonishingly short time, Mariza found that she had become the global superstar she had never set out to be.

Mariza's latest album *Terra* is the first masterpiece of a new breathing cycle. Mariza sums it all up in one word: "truth." And she adds: "During seven years of international tours, I had the chance of discovering other peoples and cultures. I watched and I listened. I learned. This is my moment. This is my truth. I've always been true to

myself, and I've always been true to my fans. And I wanted this album to show them my progress as a singer and a human being. My two previous albums, *Transparente* and *Concerto em Lisboa*, were like the end of a cycle to me. This new album, I've decided to call it *Terra*. Why? Maybe because I always have my feet firmly planted on the ground, and also because recording it was like going on a musical journey. Inevitably...."

Mariza is a *fado* singer, but she keeps experimenting with new ways of singing it, and her fans have always accompanied her on her journey. All of her previous albums—*Fado em Mim* (2001), *Fado Curvo* (2003), *Transparente* (2005) and *Concerto em Lisboa* (2006), plus the DVD *Live in London* (2004)—went platinum. With Amália Rodriguez gone, Portugal has looked for a new voice to express the national soul and has found Mariza.

On *Terra*, the Portuguese *fado* guitar is joined by British guitarist Dominic Miller (one of Sting's supporting musicians for the last 20 years), three piano players—Brazilian Ivan Lins and Cubans Chucho Valdés and Ivan "Melon" Lewis—Spanish flamenco guitarist Javier Limón and Spanish percussionist Piraña (Paco de Lucia's favorite percussionist). Mariza's voice blends perfectly with those of Cape Verdean Tito Paris and Afro-Hispanic Concha Buika. After working with Jorge Fernando, Carlos Maria Trindade and Jacques Morelenbaum, Mariza chose Javier Limón as the producer for *Terra*. But in this cosmopolitan mixture of flamenco and *morna*, jazz and folk music, we hear a consistently Portuguese sound.

Over the course of her career, Mariza has garnered numerous international awards and accolades. In 2001, Mariza won an award for Most Outstanding Performance in Quebec. In 2003, she received the Gold Medal from the Portuguese Tourist Board, was elected Artist of the Year by the Portuguese Marketing Executives Association, won the German Press Deutscheschallplattenkritik Award for Best Ethnic, Folk and World Music Album for *Fado Curvo* (*Fado em Mim* won in the same category in 2001), and was elected Best European Artist by BBC Radio 3 (winning again in 2005 and 2006). In 2004, Mariza won the European Border Breakers Award (an award sponsored by the European Union) for the best-selling

album *Fado em Mim*, was voted Person of the Year by the Foreign Press Association of Portugal, and was nominated as ambassador for *fado*'s candidature to UNESCO'S Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity program.

In 2005, Mariza was nominated as ambassador for the Hans Christian Andersen bicentennial celebrations, and she was named a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador. She also won the Amália Rodrigues Foundation's International Award for "making Portuguese music known worldwide."

In 2006, President Jorge Sampaio from Portugal awarded Mariza the Order of Henry the Navigator. Mariza won Portugal's Golden Globe for Best Individual Performer, and she was nominated for the Australian Helpmann Awards in the category of Best International Contemporary Concert for her performances at the Sydney Opera House. "Ó Gente da minha Terra" (from Fado em Mim) became the title song for Pang Ho-cheung's film Isabella, winner of the Silver Bear for best soundtrack at the 56th Berlin Film Festival.

In 2007, Mariza was nominated for the Finnish "Emma Gaala" Awards for Best International Artist, together with Robbie Williams, Andrea Bocelli, Basshunter, Iron Maiden and Red Hot Chili Peppers. She was invited by German photographer Bettina Flitner to participate in the "100 most important women in Europe" project, sponsored by the German government and presented in the European Parliament. Mariza was nominated as ambassador for the Portuguese Tourism Institute, in appreciation for her worldwide efforts on behalf of the Portuguese culture. She became the first Portuguese artist to be nominated for the Grammy Awards, and Concerto em Lisboa was nominated by the Latin Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences for best folk album.

In May 2008, the Paris Academy of Arts, Sciences and Letters awarded Mariza the prestigious Medaille de Vermeil, for "her relevant services to the arts and culture." The seeds were sown, says Mariza, "and the fruits will be plentiful and diverse."

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