

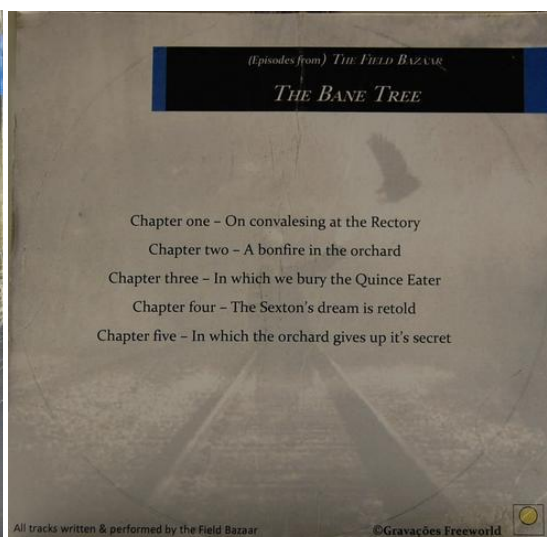


**O Campo Bazar** was an early 70's Twilight Zone/Tales of the Unexpected style programme in Portugal and would have no doubt have gone the way of the producer's and the TV company's wishes and disappeared without a trace if it hadn't been for the release of '(episodios de) O Campo Bazar'. It was a promotional gimmick marketed as 'a sampler of instrumental works created especially for the programme' and has since become a ultra rare curio hiding out with the national collection of Hen's Teeth.

The original press release states that 'the stunning full colour sleeve features O Campo Bazar in horribly realistic costumes' so by my reckoning that means either the Fox or the Knight. This is the only reference ever given to the performers who were and still are a mystery. Released only in Portugal in 1973 on the Gravacoes Freeworld label this collection of sinister synth led soundscapes is long overdue a rerelease.

The cult status and mythos of the group/artist brought about the release of 'The Bane Tree' several years later – again on the Gravacoes Freeworld label. The artist(s) name had been translated into English - The Field Bazaar - and the (episodes from), which was a clear indication of its TV series roots, had also been translated and kept. It has the feel of being demos and unused tracks from the original recordings although the music is more acoustic and pastoral sounding with greater use having been made of sound effects. The performers remain unknown.

The name 'The Field Bazaar' - which is what 'O Campo Bazar' is a translation of - probably comes from a short story from the pen of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The show was so unsuccessful on the small screen but so successfully buried afterwards that it is believed that no footage remains and no one will admit to working on it - although Alfred Molina is said to have appeared in the pilot episode. The voice of Vincent Price provided each episode's introduction in such an insultingly bad attempt at Portuguese that his parts were rerecorded in an attempt to save the show...it failed!



The only UK vinyl release for 'O Campo Bazar'. Interestingly enough not only has the name been translated for the British market but also the predefiner - (episodes from)..... - has been kept despite it having no association with the original television series as far as is known.