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Bossa Nova (new trend) is a distinctly Brasilian style from the late 1950's and early 1960's embodied by the work of composer Antonio Carlos Jobim, among others. It fuses the rhythms of samba with the lush harmonies of jazz. While I am not Brasilian by birth, I am a child of the early 1960's. Like many jazz musicians, I am highly influenced by the music of those great Brasilian writers and performers. I even made a pilgrimage to Salvador, Brasil, in 1991 to study hand percussion for four months. The idea for this title came out of my performing at jazz clubs and piano bars where people often make requests like, "Can you play something romantic, something bluesy, something sad?" and one night a man asked me, "Can you play Something Jobim?" This is a collection of tunes composed under the eternal spell of bossa nova, a trend that is no longer new, but whose sway remains as mighty as it was half a century ago.

-- Steve Sweeting

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One of my lyric collaborators, the excellent jazz singer, Coco Zhao, wrote words to this bossa-like melody I gave him in 2008 and he called it Youxi, which translates as **The Game**.

Koh Samui was inspired by a week on the beach in Thailand in 2009 with water as far as the eye could see and usually not a single person in sight.

In Shanghai, before we moved to an old lane house, we lived in a single apartment building, with great views in three directions, which is quite unusual since most buildings are in clusters or in compounds with dozens if not hundreds of apartments crammed tightly together. My younger son made a series of drawings which he titled **Lonely Building**.

There is a tradition during mid-Autumn Festival to make and share mooncakes to celebrate the harvest and the unity of family. In our first few years in China, we received so many boxes of mooncakes, we couldn't keep track of them or possibly consume them all. Often the boxes got passed from one family to another. When people asked me when I arrived in China, I didn't always remember, but I could say, "Many Mooncakes Ago."

Olivia was written in Barcelona for our landlady whose friendship inspired us to move there for a year in 2002.

One Look is a silly cabaret song I wrote for cabaret performances many years ago in Boston, but I think the melody and harmony fit this collection nicely.

Passport was written for my friend Josh, who encouraged me to go to Brasil in the early 1990s and who sang and recorded the song with me in 2006.

Shanti is from Sanskrit for "peace." **Shanti**, **Shanti** was a small sanctuary on a secluded beach in Cambodia where my family wandered by accident in 2010. We spent the next three Christmas holidays there with Mat and Sophie, a sweet French couple who shared their passions for cooking and sailing with us.

Twenty Questions is of course a challenging enough game in your first language, but it is one we were fond of playing with our tutors in Chinese, especially with Yoyo who is also a fine jazz pianist who helped me edit this collection.

When we moved to Shanghai in 2006, we lived near a fake market where everytime we walked down the street, we were greeted as foreigners with the words, "Watch? Bag? DVD?" since that's what most tourists who visited our neighborhood were looking to buy.

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