## Mp3 Sara Serpa - Sara Serpa

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where the singer is equally important as the musicians that accompany her; who have the freedom to express their own personality. It is clearly a strong compositional statement and Serpa breaks all rules as a vocalist, composer and improviser.

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