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approaches a station. What came out of this recording process is a quiet, melancholic and very abstract composition. - Or do you prefer to travel to the Antarctica, Tibet or Vietnam?

Every Monday, since Januar 20, 2003, Aaron Ximm, a San Franscisco based sound artist, has been adding a new one-minute soundtrip to his website. All recordings, which he has documented there, are electronically unprocessed and unmanipulated - besides the necessity to convert them into a compressed audioformat for the web. Every one-minute-sound is something special, not simply depicting the environment it had been taken from in a naturalistic way. Instead, the sounds make situations audible, in which spaces, landscapes, living beings had been processing and forming the sound in a way, that it resulted in short ear plays, pieces of audio art or "electronic" music.

Aaron Ximm presents not exclusively his own sounds on the website, but also selected one-minute-recordings of other artists. - His inspiration for this project came from a trip through Vietnam some years ago, during which he encountered numerous sonic situations worth to be listened back to.

The website "Quiet American" represents a perceptual stance, resulting from encounters with the unfamiliar: The far away place, the unknown people, the strange situation manifest themselves in the never-heard, exceptional sounds of a world, which composes itself. The quite allusive website's title refers to Graham Green's Vietnam based novel "The Quiet American" as well as it plays with a politically motivated ironical statement, that only those are able to perceive the fine and distant sounds, who are willing to step back, renounce intervention and shut up.



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