

## Anggun

1997 \* Columbia

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Snow on the Sahara  
Le Depart  
Over their walls  
On the breath of an angel  
A rose in the wind  
Gita  
Memory of your shores  
My sensual mind  
Blanca  
Valparaiso  
Selamanya  
By the moon  
Pluies  
Dream of me  
Secret of the sea  
Life on mars

The album contains 16 songs which are taken from the French version and re-recorded in English. Lyrics were translated and re-written by songwriter Nikki Matheson. Snow on the Sahara was marketed in 33 countries around the world in 1998. In Japan, the album was released there in late 1997 under the title **Anggun** with 3 additional tracks added ("La Neige au Sahara", "De Soleil et d'ombres" and "La Rose des vents") while in Indonesia, the album was released under the same title in 1998 with the track "By The Moon" replaced by the French version, "Au nom de la Lune". For some reason, "Memory of Your Shores" is omitted from the US version, although it's been cited as fans favorite. Anggun also did a cover version of [David Bowie](#)'s hit, "Life On Mars", which was also released as a US promotional single. This album remains Anggun's highest selling album and Anggun also marked a history for being the first Asian artist to enter Billboard Charts in United States (Snow on the Sahara went to #23 on Billboard Heatseekers Charts and the single peaked at #16 on Adult Contemporary Chart). The album reportedly has sold over 1 million copies around the world, also marking Anggun as the highest selling Asian artist outside Asia. The single "Snow On The Sahara" also remains to be Anggun's signature song (for fans outside France, Italy and Indonesia - who are more familiar with Etre Une Femme/In Your Mind or Cesse La Pluie/Saviour). It's Anggun's most charted song (with being #1 in Italy) and was one of the biggest hits in 1997 and 1998. In Indonesia, Snow on the Sahara remains to be Anggun's most played song, even went to frequent airplays on some radio stations in Indonesia in 2005. With its enchanting ethnic beats and influences of Adult Contemporary, Pop and Rock sounds, Snow on the Sahara has also been cited as "one of the greatest albums ever made" by fans, although it was miserably missed by the critics. However, [All Music Guide](#) gave the album 4 out of 5 stars, citing that Anggun "illustrates enough full-formed talent on the disc to make it a promising debut".

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