

## Kingsnakes – Number One (1999)

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01. *Highway Man*
02. *Who Will Be Next*
03. *I'm Glad You Reconsidered*
04. *Wait On Time*
05. *Tore Up*
06. *Cross-Eyed Suzy Lee*
07. *Caldonia*
08. *I Like The Way You Do*
09. *Mellow Down Easy*
10. *Harry's Boogie*
11. *(I'm Your) Boogie Man*
12. *Lil' Irene*
13. *One's Too Many*
14. *Shakin' All Over*

Musicians: Sven van den Berg – harmonica, vocals Andre Dieterman – guitar Arno Vervest – bass Eric Labadie, Gerrit Wagemakers – drums

Number one' is the Kingsnakes' debut [2000]. It earned these musicians lots of rave reviews, and they deserve nothing less. The growling voice of singer Sven is the most striking ingredient of the Kingsnakes-sound. He is a worthy harp-player too, and his wailing harmonica-solos are a real treat. Eric [drums] and Rob [bass] put up a good show themselves. A great rhythm-section, complemented by André with his unwavering guitar chops and solid leadparts. There are two guests, on piano and sax, who enliven a couple of tracks. The CD features mostly shuffles in a variety of styles, and there is only one slower blues, which happens to be my personal favourite. The band recorded two originals that are performed with ripping intensity, but the twelve tightly played covers really make this album worthwhile. Unfortunately, these guys only rock for 53 minutes. ---John Wigmans, Blues Matters! Magazine

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