

# NEW AGE MUSIC

## NORWAY

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NA-NO1 United Kingdom 2004

### CAVE OF ICE

### BRIKSDALSBREEN/ THE DEEP CAVERNS \*

NA – Celtic – Instrumental

Comp: Freeland BARBOUR

Perf: Freeland **BARBOUR** (piano)

Prod. Co: Macmeanmna Records

Time: (Tk 10) 3:01 & (Tk 15) 1:36/ 1:34 – 3:00

CD: WINTER'S JOURNEY

Macmeanmna SKYECD 29 (Tks 10 & 15)

**Notes:** Freeland Barbour comes from Glen Fincastle near Pitlochry in Highland Perthshire. He was with Silly Wizard in 1975 before forming his own groups. Usually he plays the accordion but for this concept album, “a musical journey through a Northlands winter,” he composed on a grand piano. Two pieces here were inspired by glacier ice caves in Norway.

The title of the second cut makes it clear that at least that piece was inspired by the Briksdalsbreen (dal = valley & breen = glacier), which is located in the north central arm of the huge Jostedalbreen in Norway. “Measurements since 1900 show small changes in the first decades, with advances in the glacier front in 1910 and 1929. In the period 1934-1951 the glacier receded by 800 meters, exposing the glacial lake. In the period 1967 until 1997 the glacier expanded by 465 meters and covered the whole lake, with the glacier front ending at the lake outlet. The glacier



attracted international attention in the 1990's, as it was growing at a time when other European glaciers were in decline. After the year 2000, the glacier once again receded. In 2004 it had receded to 230 meters behind the lake outlet and in 2007 the glacier front was on dry land behind the lake.” (Anon. 2017)

Shown here are photos of the Briksdals Glacier Snout Cave as it appeared (on left) around the 1920s and again as it appeared in 2004.

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CAVE OF ICE – The 30-second sample had slow resounding chords meander and tentatively explore.

BRIKSDALSBREEN/ THE DEEP CAVERNS – The sample had lyric keyboard progressions determine and develop the theme.

Ref: Anon. 2017, Briksdalsbreen, [Wikipedia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Briksdalsbreen)

Briksdal Glacier, Excursions from Loen, [loenfjord.no](http://loenfjord.no)

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