

To wonder

The possibility of hiking in the mountains and along the fiords is optimal from all settlements in Greenland. Every settlement is located by the coastline and surrounded by the wilderness. Often the next settlement is far away.

In Nuuk, you can discover bustle and noise of the city, and then within an hour you can be present in the wilderness in a silence that can feel oppressive.

This afternoon in June everything is culminating . Although the weather is favourable for hiking we seem to be alone in the mountains. The confidence in that you have strength to cross another river at the bottom of a valley seems larger than the mountains surrounding the valley.

The smell of heather and soil hangs in the valleys. A roaring sound of the surf says that the tide is about to enter. The snow bunting sings from its observation post to honour the partner and the kids in the nest down in the scrub, but also as a warning to other males, who could dare to enter his small territory.

A good sense of tiredness after a long day of hiking. The view of the country for miles around with mountains, ice and fiord. The feeling of freedom.

And then the wondering about this mood you experience. The mood seems to be more than the sum of the individual elements, you watch, hear and smell. I have no words for that feeling.



The view of the country for miles around, June 2004