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How's it going,

I'll begin yet again with an apology for not writing for so long, but I have a valid excuse this time!! I got a new computer for my birthday and I've had major grief trying to get my e-mail account sorted , but with the assistance of the various techno-boffins in the crew I am back on the "information superhighway, dude" !!!!! I'm a bit giddy so bear with me.

We are in Lisbon. The absolutely gorgeous capital of Portugal. I decided to come down to the gig early just for a change. Joe, our soundman was E.Q-ing (sound-checking to us common folk) the P.A. and he played a few songs form the previous nights gig. Hence the giddy-ness!! I was sitting a few rows behind him and the speakers were at full tilt, for the first time ever I felt like I was at a cranberries gig, what a buzz! Unfortunately that's the closest I or any of the others can get. (adopt country accent here) "But I ain't a whingin' no sir." We have more than enough fun onstage and I get great pleasure from seeing other bands perform.

A few weeks back I wrote from Madrid and we were on our way to Barcelona, anyway we went to see the "Sagrada Familia" (deep breath , exhale). I couldn't even begin to describe the beauty, the sheer size of the undertaking, I really was totally blown away. It has to be one of the most amazing things I've ever seen!!! Those gigs in Spain were excellent aswell, although I started to come down with the 'flu in Barcelona. Nearly all of the band and crew have had it at some-point , and believe me there is nowhere worse to be sick than on-tour. The show must go on!!!

"Weezer" were fantastic by the way. A few of us went out front to watch them for all three gigs and they were really powerful. I heard that "The Strokes" dropped by to check them out in Barcelona but had to leave early to play their own gig in town. Pity, I would love to have seen them play too! We just got the finished version of the video for "This is the Day" a few days ago and it's the best one since "Salvation". I can't wait to see it on t.v. I'll see if we can get it up here as soon as possible.

That's it for now, I 'll try not to leave it too long next time (when have you heard that before??)

All the best, Fergal