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Hi how goes it y'all,

Your life wouldn't want to depend on me writing on a regular basis would it?? But that's just the way I am; as soon as I sit

in front of the computer and start to write it 's easy, the trick is to get me here!!! We are in the lovely Montreal, and we have a gig here tonight. We had a week off, so everyone is really relaxed and recharged. It's such a pleasure to tour this way, you feel more healthy and enjoy the whole experience a lot more. I'm really looking forward to touring in North America for a while again, it's been a while since we spent a lot of time here, plus it's coming into summer and I must admit; the weather definitely has an affect on my mood, maybe I should strap one of those u.v. lights to my forehead in winter to combat the problem.(Either that or possibly some electro-shock therapy!!). We flew in last night from Ireland so I got to watch a couple of movies, "A Beautiful Mind" being the first. Oh wow I'm getting emotional even thinking about it, well worth checking out although have a box of handkerchiefs at the ready. The other movie was "Oceans Eleven" which for some reason the critics gave a raw deal, so here's a little message for them, *****!!!! I thought it was really clever, really "cool" and thoroughly entertaining and as the great Forest Gump once said "That's about all I gotta' say 'bout that". All the other gigs we have done since I spoke to you last were great, it was really great to play in Poland especially as we have not played there before. They are lovely people who are finally starting to get back on their feet after years of oppression and hardship. Katowice reminded me a lot of what Limerick used to be like when we were growing up, unfortunately a lot of unemployment but people there seem to make the most of the situation, which is a very admirable trait!! I really enjoyed our time in Prague as it was my first time having a day off there and it was a nice sunny day. I just wandered about the old part of town checking out little shops and cafes. At one point I came across a local man sitting out in his back yard playing his box accordion. It was all Czech traditional music and it was incredibly beautiful. I stayed listening, entranced for about half an hour, I was just lucky to stumble upon him, but whoever you are thanks a million you made my day!! I'm trying to remember more stories so bear with me for a few minutes.....Oh yeah when we were in Munich a few of us headed off to a traditional bier-hof. (beer-house/yard) It was highly entertaining. There was a band playing traditional German songs all dressed up in the "Lederhosen" and the beer came in huge glasses about 2 1/2 pints in size and the food was mashed potato, sauerkraut and 100 varieties of pork. Boy did we pack on the pounds that night but it has to be done in the interest of culture!! I'd better go now as I have a couple of phone interviews to do, so I'll talk to you soon, take care,

-Fergal.