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Hi,

It's finally arrived.....the last gig of the tour. It's quite a mix of emotions to be honest. We have spent the last year and a half travelling the world with a fantastic bunch of people and now it's time to move on to different tours or in our case return home and then, to the studio. But the most important thing is that the tour was a success and everyone enjoyed themselves (some people a little bit too much!!) We'll be back playing live at a town near you before you know it.....

The gig in Dublin the other night was incredible. Everyone was a little bit tense throughout the day but we were all trying to hide it as not to put the others off. By stage -time the nerves had manifested into excitement and from the first chord on we received an outstanding reception. We couldn't get over the reaction. We didn't expect anything like it as we didn't think we were that popular in Ireland anymore.

Thank you to everyone who came, we are unbelievably grateful!! The Glasgow and Manchester shows were also a pleasant

surprise. The Glasgow show was in a seated theatre which is always a bit of a challenge as the environment can be intimidating for the audience to 'rock out', but Dolores encouraged everyone to stand up and come to the front of the stage like only she can, resulting in a great gig. The London show was the last of the tour and it was also a big surprise, a really receptive audience. To be honest we had forgotten how good it is to tour in the U.K. When we first began touring over ten years ago, we did months of touring there and we were always well supported. It was amazing to see some familiar faces from those days in the crowd, thank you for sticking by us.

We are at home now in fact I'm in my kitchen having a nice cup of "Barry's" tea. We (the band) were all out to dinner last night and we were talking about some offers to play gigs in the U.S. in April which we all agreed we should do, as we haven't spent enough time there in the last few years. We are just going to chill for January and then get working on our new bits and pieces in February. I was browsing some sites recently and YET AGAIN there are rumours that we are splitting up. IT IS NOT TRUE!

Have a safe and positive Christmas and New Year!

-Fergal.

PS. If you are interested in watching Dolores' Vatican performance, I know that you will be able to do so in Italy. (If we find out that they will be showing it on any other channels in any other countries, we will let you know!) The show will be broadcast on CANALE 5 at 20.30 on the 24th of December.