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(March 14th 2003) Greetings one and all! I've returned back from the brink of insanity bringing good cheer! I haven't been writing for the last while because there wasn't anything to write about really! We hadn't been doing much up until about a month ago when we returned to the old rehearsal room to work on some songs we had been fiddling about with on the road.

We are currently in the studio working on those very songs and I am over the moon with how they are shaping up. We have ended up with about seven songs, which are close to finished, and we've only been in the studio for two weeks! We have decided to put the touring on hold for a while to concentrate on recording which by and large is a good idea as I believe if we had continued on the road we would have burned ourselves out again. The Rolling Stones shows in June are still happening though, as well as a few warm-up shows, (there's one confirmed in Bolzano, Italy and one or two more to be confirmed soon) and that will be a refreshing little jaunt, and then we will be back into the studio if there is more recording to be done. In the mean time the plan is to continue writing new songs and recording them when they are relatively together. The results so far are really impressive and I think the band are doing exactly what we need to do, in that the new material is quite different from anything we have done before but still recognisable as The Cranberries.



Everyone in the band is in fantastic spirits and feeling the most positive for a long time. I had been really down when we returned home after the tour as I found it difficult to switch off, and then my youngest son got sick with glaucoma and has been getting a number of operations, so I'm afraid it was all getting on top of me, but thankfully his right eye is now fixed and his left is on the way to recovery. This recording session has definitely helped take my mind off things and what is the point in worrying as it doesn't actually serve any purpose only to waste your energy, so lately I've been looking at the glass as half full and I'm glad to say it's been working. Yes it's true, we are human beings with real-life problems just like anyone else!!

It's now Friday and the last day of recording, so we will be going home soon. We will be back writing soon and I'll let you know how things are going.

Take care,
-Fergal.