Posted by Chris Ludwig on Wed, 21 Mar 2007 22:01:22 GMT

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Posted by TCB on Wed, 21 Mar 2007 22:43:47 GMT

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Posted by dc[3] on Wed, 21 Mar 2007 23:03:27 GMT

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Posted by chuck duffy on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 03:01:52 GMT

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Posted by chuck duffy on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 03:03:48 GMT

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Posted by dc[3] on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 05:28:51 GMT

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Here they come, you mice get ready...

heh I love to blast that stuff in the car.

DC

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Posted by TCB on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 14:25:01 GMT

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Ha ha. Great song. Have you been to Minneapolis? I lived there a couple of times and let me tell you, there are some days when you thank whatever deity you believe in for them.

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Posted by TCB on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 14:52:40 GMT

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You know, I never did see them at the Grotto. It was closing down by the time I got to New Haven.

I saw the Mats probably 4-5 times. I saw one of the legendary 'Everyone's way to drunk to play' shows at Maxwell's in New Jersey. A couple times in MPLS but not too many, I was underage. The best show, oddly, was the last one I saw with Slim as the second guitar player. They were touring for that crappy 'Don't Tell a Soul' record but they did all of my favorite tunes, even one from Sorry Ma. For the last encore Westerberg belted out a version of Left of the Dial that still makes me shiver when I think about it. His solo shows are pretty cool too.

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Posted by TCB on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 15:03:05 GMT

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Ah yes, the upper midwestern version of Dave Grohl. I really liked his first CD but don't have any of the others. Quite a talented fellow as well, his paintings now sell for big bucks. Reportedly also a very decent guy who spent a lot of time keeping the rest of the guys from killing each other.

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Posted by Gary Flanigan on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 17:03:30 GMT

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Posted by TCB on Thu, 22 Mar 2007 19:03:03 GMT

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It's Westerberg's own nickname for the band, short for The Placemats.

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