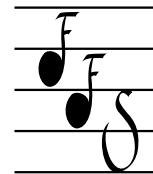


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IT'S ALL GOOD

by Vince Johnson Four Freshmen 2000 & Beyond

You're good. I'm good. We're good. It's good to go. It's all good.

There are so many good things happening with the Four Freshmen lately. We successfully completed two cruises last year and no one even had to put on a lifejacket. Oh wait, was I supposed to show up for a boat drill? I'll be right up.

The jazz cruise was a lot of fun and especially a treat to see so many wonderful jazz artists and singers. It was so great to see so many fans on the Mexico cruise. I was running around like a madman trying to say hi to everyone. A true test for sure. I especially like traveling from table to table getting to eat dinner with different people every night. Thanks to everyone for allowing me to go to the next table! We also had a few splendid jam sessions on that boat.

We are currently en route to our tour of the midwest. That's right, we are bringing the Freshmen home to Indiana. This includes a homecoming for Ross Barbour set up by many fans in Indiana.



Vince Johnson
Baritone Voice

The tour also includes a spectacular symphonic show in South Bend, Indiana. We have been revising and renewing the symphony book with brand new arrangements. I won't give away the names of the new symphonic selections but I will say that this should open a lot of new doors for the group in the symphonic market. And what a grand thing it is. The Four Freshmen singing and playing plus full strings, woodwinds, percussion, and a conductor, all to accompany. It takes us back to recordings like *Voices In Love* and *Love Lost*. I will give away that two of the selections are classic favorites, "The Day Isn't Long Enough" and "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows," both set to lush orchestral accompaniment. We hope to bring this full symphonic show to a city near you soon!

Here's a good thing to look forward to this summer: the Four Freshmen convention in Pittsburgh, PA. It seems that this is shaping up to be a fabulous convention. My hat is off to all the people involved with organizing it.

Another good thing that has happened is our recent DVD recording. A professional director with four camera people all zoned in on getting the best high quality shots of The Four Freshmen. And the performance was truly exciting. The guys were all on fire. (Luckily Bob has no hair so we didn't have to put him out.) I personally want to thank IVI, Dick Baldwin, and everyone in the Four Freshmen Society for making it all happen and for such a great year with forward momentum and lots of productivity.

Whoa, almost forgot about "Moments To Remember." This PBS special that IVI got us a spot on has been played over and over on just about every PBS affiliate and is huge exposure for the group. Many thanks to IVI for making it happen. Maybe your dreams to see us on Dave Letterman or Conan O'Brian could come true some day. And then we'll really show those kids with loud guitars. Oops, wait, we are kids with loud guitars. My bad. They're good. It's all good. Shizzle ma nizzle. Our next album will be a compilation with Fifty Cents (pronounced "Fitty Cent" for all us old school cats). Hey, we're all just glad we have fifty cents with these gas prices, huh? And so are they. Wait, maybe they don't have fifty cents. Maybe that's why they're called fitty cent. Actually, I think fitty cent is actually a human being and not an american currency denomination. He's good. He's good to go. They're all good. Is this plane gonna land soon or are we gonna circle around Chicago O'Hare for another three more hours??

So there are some good things happening here. obviously. We're all good. It's all good. I hope that you are all good. And if not...my bad!