

a possum brotherly production on the eve of a possum hiatus. young jonny farren and his gorgeous companion, the unflappable roobie ward, are heading abroad for a time. may the irish embrace them with open arms, and know that greatness has entered their midst. you can be assured we'll be at the airport to collect them on their return.

possum brothers thrivin'. nearly all first takes, warts and all:

- (1) life, in a nutshell - by steven page and ed robertson (we nicked it from barenaked ladies) //
- (2) babylon - by david gray //
- (3) couldn't have come at a better time - by luka bloom //
- (4) four cold walls - by davey lane with help from davi kutz and jon farren //
- (5) say hello, wave goodbye - by marc almond of soft cell fame (as done by david gray) //
- (6) jane - by steven page and steven duffy (another fantastic barenaked ladies entry)

and a few more to pad things out:

- (7) cliched title for kris - by the lovely marty donald (of our friends, the lucksmiths) //
- (8) man of constant sorrow - traditional, (as seen in "o brother, where art thou", a film by the masterful coen brothers) //
- (9) like this train - by don mcglashan (a sweet one from new zealand's own muttonbirds)

for the purpose of this recording, the possum bros were jonny farren and davey lane. many thanks to plainsfm 96.9 for providing us with recording facilities as well as the engineering/production talents and generally positive influence of david glenn who will have his mandolin along next time!

this stuff was recorded in a frenzied 2 hour session at plainsfm 96.9, in christchurch, starting at 10am on saturday, 16 march 2002 following a very late night sendoff for jon and roobie at lyttelton's legendary wunderbar.

further bonus songs - from splunge's "conversation killer" (with the original artist credited where known): (10) istanbul // (11) the grinch // (12) running to stand still - by u2 // (13) 29 ways - by marc cohn // (14) violent love // (15) rhyming song - by the muppets // (16) what is the shape of the earth? // (17) maryanne - by marshall crenshaw // (18) brown eyed girl - by van morrison

splunge was an a cappella group based at the university of washington in seattle, wa, usa, started by dave lane in 1993. about 10 of us participated in the recording our own arrangements of "popular" songs (and those we "borrowed") as "conversation killer" at the brickhouse recording studio in the northern summer of 1996. note: no instruments were injured in the production of these tracks. nope, just ears and vocal chords... more info on these recordings can be found on [www.davelane.org](http://www.davelane.org)

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# possum brothers

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common brushtail possum - (*Trichosurus vulpecula* - australia and introduced to nz) photo by Tim Herrlinger. used here with permission

## thrive and a few bonus "hits"

a couple of new zealand's furrier immigrants