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Subject: I am back

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Thu, 23 Apr 2026 22:50:42 GMT

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Hi everyone. I have been "off line" for a while (like over 6 months). I had an old spinal fracture act up and cause severe nerve pain. Like going to the ER on Labor day (pain 10 on their 10 scale. I was completely wasted, they had to get a wheel chair out to get me into the ER) and spending 4 days in the hospital to get it manageable. It a long story. Finally had spinal surgery on Feb 17 to fix the spine. They fused 3 vertebra. Between the main hospital and rehab I was in the facility for 11 days. BTW I am really glad that I have excellent insurance as the costs were nearly \$750,000. \$250,000 just for the use of the OR for 8 hours. Now it is the long road back to something like normal. The pain is mostly manageable. The back is OK but the right foot is still a problem. Many nerves were damaged and they are numb most of the time. A really odd sensation that may or may not go away. But I an finally off all the pain killers and can think straight.

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Subject: Re: I am back

Posted by [Barryso](#) on Thu, 23 Apr 2026 23:55:46 GMT

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Hi Bruce,

Nice to see you back in the forum.

I hope you continue to get better.

Barry

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Subject: Re: I am back

Posted by [Wayne Parham](#) on Fri, 24 Apr 2026 15:44:52 GMT

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Holy smoke, Bruce!

I had no idea! Thanks for letting us know!

Glad you're on the mend. Hope to see you here more now.

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Subject: Re: I am back

Posted by [George](#) on Sat, 25 Apr 2026 04:57:14 GMT

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Hello, Bruce

I am very happy to see you back.

I noticed a decline in your activity, and that kinda got me worried. So, I am happy to see your post, and hopefully, you keep getting better with time.

Wish you all the best, mate.

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Subject: Re: I am back

Posted by [gofar99](#) on Sat, 09 May 2026 19:41:12 GMT

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Thanks for the support. It has been a trying 8 months but things are looking up. I am still having to take more medications that I like, but nerve pain is not easy to fix. At least the spine is repaired. The following was posted elsewhere. After being under the weather because of nerve pain and subsequent back surgery I have finally been able to listen to and appreciate music. I spent the morning listening to some favorite LPs and CDs. I came to a few conclusions. The original LP of the Byrds Mr Tambourine Man was better than the CD. The CD was too processed. A second thought was that if you want to test your system's dynamic range the CD of Classic Folk Hits by Judy Collins is a good choice. If your system is weak in any one area especially your mid range this will sound like caulk on the blackboard. For my "tests" I used my Empire 598 turntable with a Grado Sonata II and Jelco 370H arm. The CD is a Marantz 6007. It actually sounds slightly better than my Oppo 83S which was my previous standard for digital music. The phono preamp is my diy of the project I posted a while back and has all the latest upgrades. Everything feeds my passive preamp and then to a Behringer CX3400 active crossover (yes sand I know but it works in this case). After that it goes to 4 massaged Oddblock power amps and on to my Martin Logan ESLs and a pair of 205 liter subs with 30 cm drivers. As you probably can tell I am really picky about music. It took about 15 years to get everything to the present state and it has been 4 since have been able to figure out any way to improve it. Now back to music. As my wife noted today....it appears you are getting back to normal.

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