

# We won't get fooled again

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**A Ted Bit**

Last week, I got to open my Christmas gift. Christmas of 2014, that is. I'll explain.

When you get to be my age, your kids find it impossible to find THE perfect Christmas gift. Lately my girls have been checking my bucket list, that list of things we old guys hope to do before we kick that proverbial bucket.

On my list are a few bands I'd like to see, while they are still around.

For my Father's Day/birthday/Christmas present, I received tickets to see the Rolling Stones at Air Canada Centre (ACC). Last October, I received tickets to see Paul McCartney at ACC. The list goes on.

Christmas 2014, my gift consisted of tickets to see The Who. The Who has been one of those elusive bands in my life.

Any time they played close by, there was some reason I couldn't go a previous engagement, they were sold out, or, the worse one of all- they were simply too expensive. It just never happened.

But Christmas morning, 2014, I had, in my hot little hands, tickets to see The Who.

I was ecstatic. Finally, I was gonna see The Who, Oct. 21, 2015. Okay, that was a long ways off but I had my dream Who tickets!

As time marched on, my daughter (who acquired the tickets) called me.

Dad, there's a problem, she said. Apparently The Who concert tour has been rescheduled. Roger Daltrey is sick with meningitis.

I can't remember the new date I think it was early 2016.

You can get a refund for the tickets, or just hang on to them, she continued.

My mind raced I had a pair of Who tickets in my hands I was NOT gonna release that death grip.

I'll wait for the concert, I said.

Months passed, and she received another email.

Dad, it's been rescheduled for April 26, 2016

I'm holding out for April!! I declared.

Then, the week before the April 26 concert Dad, there's been another change, she said. They've moved it to April 27.

It was one day. The Raptors played April 26 The Who had been bumped.

The next night, The Sidekick and I finally sat in our wonderful seats, four rows up from the floor, waiting for The Who concert to start.

I watched Roger Daltrey and Pete Townshend strut on stage, and marveled at the shape these guys are in. Daltrey is 72 years old, and Townshend is 70, but they are still amazing on stage.

Both Daltrey's signature swinging microphone, and Townshend's signature windmill guitar technique are alive and well.

Man, if I played my guitar like Pete for 10 minutes, I'd probably need rotator cuff surgery

Although two original Who members I listened to as a teen are dead, (Keith Moon and John Entwistle), the sound is the same, with Pino Palladino on bass, Pete's baby brother Simon Townshend on guitar, and Ringo Starr's son, Zak Starkey, pounding out the drums. It was amazing.

It's cool how the CSI television series use of Who tunes as theme music has enriched The Who's image.

Who Are You, the theme to CSI: Crime Scene Investigation, Won't Get Fooled Again for CSI: Miami, Baba O'Riley for CSI: NY, and, most recently, I Can See For Miles, the theme song to CSI: Cyber, have introduced their music to another generation.

I sat there soaking up the sounds, the atmosphere, with a respect for the sheer musical talent on stage in front of me.

As they played my all-time favorite, I waited for that drum solo, that riff, that bass run, leading up to that final scream emitted from Daltrey's throat I knew it was worth the wait.

And I also know, We won't get fooled again.

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