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Dear Friends,

I originally launched this letter in February 2009 with a specific house in mind. In spite of an outpouring of support from many of you, I lost it to another buyer.

After going through this process for the first time I have a new perspective and appreciation for what it takes to own a home. With more hard work, more saving, and hopefully continued support from those of you who are able, my goal of buying and maintaining a home remains the same.



I have always dreamed of owning a home, but until now investing in my career always took precedence. This is an excellent time to pursue this dream so I am now seeking loans, in the \$500 to \$1500 range, to apply towards a down payment and closing fees to make this dream a reality.

Knowing full well these are daunting economic times, I am humbly asking for your assistance and have I think, come up with a few creative ideas to make this possible.



I hope to be able to repay the lion's share of these loans by bartering either solo performances in your residence or if room allows, by hosting musical B&B style sleepovers in mine. (Levon Helm, formerly of The Band, is doing concerts in his barn in Woodstock, NY). You/we can also barter for a songwriting tutorial or perhaps by sending me out as your emissary to a school, hospital, civic or even a church/spiritual function. If bartering is not an option, I will gladly work out a monthly payment plan once I've moved in.

For those of you who would like to contribute something but can't afford the aforementioned figure, I would gladly accept any amount that works for you and will barter with merchandise from either Aztec Two-Step or my solo CDs. Also, if you would prefer to have Aztec Two-Step perform instead of me solo, it would change the financial parameters but I'm sure we can work out the details.

My life has been blessed whether owning a home becomes a reality or not but, if it does, we are going to have a party!

Thank you for your support,

Sincerely,

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P.S.

A lovely fan posted this on our Fan Talk link recently. I suppose I'm shameless for adding it here but hopefully I've built up enough Good Karma along the way to balance it out. RMF

Wouldn't it be great if we could all help Rex achieve his dream of buying a home?

Times are tough, we all know that. Unfortunately, some of us are feeling it much worse than others and feeding our family and keeping a roof over our head trumps everything else. Fortunately though, many of us have been able to keep our heads above water and may be in a position to help Rex now. The way I am looking at it, if those of us on this mailing list who is able were to send "only" \$100, Rex would be there.

I think most ATS fans are in their middle years and most of us are likely able to afford computers (and probably DSL or wireless, satellite TV, cell phones, etc.), and could scrape together \$100 (or even \$50) either right from the bank or, if necessary, by maybe skipping a night out for dinner or whatever. Rex has given so much to all of us, directly from his heart, never even buying himself a home, and putting everything back into being able to share his gift of music with us. Can we now do this for him?

Sincerely hoping we can all pull together and do this now for Rex,

Liv (a fan since 1976)