

The Gen on Clear Blue

By Mike Stone, of the *London Tour Circuit*

Clear Blue will be flogging their new album soon, mates! Originally scheduled for a December 2004 release, I thought to myself, *How jammy! Just in time for my birthday.* As the month went on, I thought, *The new CB album will make a great Boxing Day gift.* Now it's been donkey's years, and the album still hasn't come out. "I'm in the studio every single day (and night—and early morning) trying to get this CD done," front man VJ Manzo assures.

The new album, Clear Blue's third studio album, is set to have thirteen pukka tracks. Manzo confirms that "Evensong," "Into Your Garden," and "Who You Are" will all be part of the album, as will "a bunch of *much better* songs." Better than "Into Your Garden"? That song takes the biscuit. Seriously, it's been stuck in my head for *months*, and I've only heard it two or three times. So what could these others songs by the fab four (JP Sosa is no longer with the band) be? If the material they've been playing at their recent concerts is any indication, it's possible that "4a," "Crashing," "Lest I Disown You," "Midnight Sky," "Still," and "Vinegar" will also be on the album. One thing's for sure: the new album will be ace! For the latest on Clear Blue, visit www.clearblueonline.com.