

<p>It's been a while since I have written anything in these pages. I've been doing a lot of "behind the scenes" development of the site (for many new features coming soon). I've also been searching for a publishing company to make the "Rhubarb Diaries" a reality. Now all I have to do is keep writing!!</p> <p>As I've mentioned before, when inspiration finds it's way to you, you go with it. There are times when I have these incredible brainstorm while driving in the car ... or in that moment before falling asleep at night.♦ It could be a chance occurrence ... an alignment of the planets ... or something more surreal ... that takes a flicker of an idea and turns it into a beacon of creativity.</p> <p>Music has always been something that has proved inspirational - and once again, it happened.</p> <p>It was something I'd not expected to find. I happened to be watching a video on YouTube - a video montage of the new school that Richard's kids are at now. But through some seemingly inconsequential mouse clicks, I found myself staring at this ...</p> <p> {youtube}f1VjwciFLAg{/youtube} </p> <p>Steve Vai in action. Need I say more?</p> <p>"Vaya Con Dios" means "Go With God" in Spanish. There have been many "guitar gods" throughout the years, and Steve Vai would certainly be on that list for many.</p> <p>But what makes this clip all the more important to me - outside of the sheer emotion of his playing here - is that it got me thinking, reflecting, pondering ... the mental association of Vai with Frank Zappa (may he rest in peace) ... which lead me to Terry Baldwin - my best friend in college and perhaps one of the biggest Zappa/Vai fans I can think of on the planet.</p> <p>Isn't it amazing how, through a series of mental associations, images, tones, and the patterns they create and emotions they evoke , that we can go places in our mind that we've not experienced in years? And just like the time has stood still ...</p> <p>There are many tales of Terry - many of which I am sure will end up here. Suffice it to say right now that the 5 minutes or so of this clip took me back to ... great places.</p> <p>Terry, if you're out there reading this - hang loose, bro ...</p>