



# Shaking the Disease: An Unlikely Tribute to Depeche Mode

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This month's issue of POZ Magazine is all about long-term survivors. And this year marks a special occasion in my own long-term journey as a positoid...

25 years ago, I met my favorite band, Depeche Mode, thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Back in 1990, the prognosis wasn't good. But I've been fortunate- I had access to great medical care when I got really sick in 1999, and HIV medications not only bailed me out of a scary health situation, but they have afforded me a level of health I never thought possible. So I wanted to do something special this year as a way of giving thanks: record a Depeche Mode cover album. And do it to raise money for my friends at the MTV Staying Alive Foundation, who provide grants to youth-based HIV prevention efforts around the world.

Every little bit helps!

Positively Yours,  
Shawn

**If you're interested in helping out, you can purchase the Limited-Edition CD at [my music site](#) (Synthetic-Division.com) for \$25. Only 120 will be available for purchase. On December 1st, World AIDS Day, the album will be on iTunes.**

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