TO THE RESIDENTS OF EXMOUTH, CITIZENS OF NOWHEREISLAND

My Ambassadors have let me know that there is some disappointment in your fair town that I was not able to visit on my journey from Weymouth.

I too share your frustration and your disappointment. As I waited in the shelter of Portland Harbour, my Tug-boat Master did everything he could to persuade your region's maritime agency to let us leave but the winds blew over 16mph and the waves crashed in over 2m – just too strong for me to make my way. I had to travel through the night to get to Torquay and so I wasn't able to stop as I had hoped.

I have been waiting to meet you and you have been waiting to meet me, but I hope that my Ambassadors and the very special Embassy went some way to tell our story. I hear that hundreds came to visit the Embassy and to welcome our nation and that the Earth Festival rocked! Annoyed to have missed that – British weather eh! But you are still a part of this amazing tale.

I have ahead of me a journey of great endeavour – full of adventure, summer storms, surfers, choirs, and, no doubt, some pirates too. Along the route there will be triumphs and disappointments, a real Olympic challenge. Thank you for following my journey and if you are a citizen, perhaps a small piece of me will arrive in the post at the end of my journey – to be with you for always.

Farvel og lykke

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