

2013 - *The Intermission*

"Day After Day"

Artist: Badfinger

Writer: Pete Ham

*"I remember finding out about you.
Every day, my mind is all around you.
Looking out from my lonely room, day after day,
Bring it home, baby, make it soon.
I give my love to you."*

Another one of the songs from under the ceiling fan, "Day After Day" is infused with a melancholy that applies to a few parts of our story.

After I played this song for Jennifer on that day in 2012, she would ask me to sing it from time to time. It's one of my favorite songs, so I was usually more than happy to oblige. But there was a moment when accommodating her request was one of the most difficult things I've ever done.

At the end of 2013, our dark year between chapters, Jennifer and I met in Athens, Alabama for a diplomatic meeting of emotions. We were both certain we would say goodbye there for the last time. Before that happened, Jennifer asked me to play "Day After Day." I was reluctant, but finally did.

It was all I could do to get through the song. As much as I love playing the opening riff, each note brought a bittersweet ache to my chest. I choked up on the lyrics. I'm not sure how I managed to get through the rest of the song. When I was finished, I felt like I had been punched in the gut.

Fortunately, life has a way of doing what it wants, regardless of your expectations. We thought that time in Athens was our final farewell, but it turned out to be the beginning to Chapter Three. "Day After Day" shuffled off its title of Goodbye Song and returned as an ode to the resilience of a love that just won't give up.

*"Looking out of my lonely gloom, day after day,
Bring it home, baby, make it soon.
I give my love to you."*

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