

Chapter Two - 2012
"I'm in Love with a Girl"

Artist: Big Star

Writer: Alex Chilton

*"I'm in love with a girl.
Finest girl in the world.
I didn't know I could feel this way."*

Actually, I did know I could feel this way. I felt this way back in 1993. But after nearly two decades of life and its way of having fun with your soul and heart, I was pretty sure I couldn't feel this way again.

Then along came The One Who Got Away to prove me wrong.

I was well into my Big Star phase by the time Jennifer and I reconnected in March of 2012, and perfect timing was all it took for this halcyon, melodic declaration of love to enter heavy rotation on my playlist.

The way the guitar swings and the way Chilton sings are the perfect aural manifestation of the rawness and beauty of soul-deep love, the electric ache that radiates along the periphery of melancholy, because that's where the truest of emotions live. Joy and pain are the closest of neighbors, and the right person can keep you in the better yard. All the words needed to reflect my state of heart then and now fit into a mere eleven lines. Three verses and one bridge.

Ah, Alex Chilton, I'm in love with that song *and* that girl.

*"I'm in love with a girl.
Finest girl in the world.
I didn't know this could happen to me."*

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