Chapter Two - 2012 "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."

Chapter One of our story was filled with music. We both worked in the business and were surrounded by it, but it was the music we made together that was most important. I loved to hear Chance Chambers play and sing back in '93, so it was only a matter of time before I asked him to play and sing for me in 2012. On a lazy Saturday afternoon, sitting cross-legged on the bed under a ceiling fan breeze, he serenaded me for the first time in nineteen years.

One of the tunes he played for me was "Day After Day" by Badfinger. I'd never heard him do this one before; in fact, I'd not heard this song at all in years. The intro sounded vaguely familiar, and the way he played it required him to "bend the strings," a guitar term unfamiliar to me at the time. Have mercy! Those strings may as well have been attached to my insides, because the resulting sound caused my insides to turn a flip—the way it feels when the elevator starts up with a jolt and catches you off guard, leaving you slightly dizzy and a little uneasy, but quietly relishing the increase in your heartbeat. That's where I was in that moment.

I so wanted this to be a casual thing. I wanted to be cool enough that, if this ended—no, when this ended—I could walk away unscathed. But as Chance sang for me that afternoon, I knew I was in trouble.

During Chapter Two of our story, I compiled a playlist called "Nashville Songs," filled with music that reminded me of us, along with songs he introduced to me, and now, dozens of songs later, this one remains the ultimate "Nashville Song" to me. Whenever I hear it, I feel those strings bending again, pulling my heart ever closer to Chance Chambers, just as they did during an intimate concert under a ceiling fan breeze that Saturday in 2012.

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