

Chapter Two - 2012
"Walking After Midnight"

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*"I go out walking after midnight,
Out in the moonlight, just like we used to do.
I'm always walking after midnight searching for you."*

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Approaching the end of a less-than-inspiring Spring Break, I'd settled on my couch with some red wine and put my iPod on shuffle. A few sips into my second glass, the iPod tossed me a Patsy Cline favorite— "Walking After Midnight" —and it drop-kicked me back in time to Nashville in 1993.

That was the year I met Chance Chambers, and we embarked on Chapter One. At that time, he played guitar in a band called Wigwam Village, and he asked if I'd like to learn a few songs to do with them at gigs. "Walking After Midnight" was one of those songs. We played it at Guido's Pizza in midtown, and at Paris Landing Park in Paris, Tennessee. Maybe we had other gigs, but those are the two I remember best.

This song had always reminded me of our time together. Each time I heard it, I wondered about him. Still, I'd never done more than wonder. But on this night in 2012, riding the wings of my glass-and-a-half courage, I went to my computer, opened Facebook and searched. It didn't take long to find him. Even with nineteen extra years written on his face, I recognized him instantly. Before I had time to consider my decision, or even consciously make it, I clicked "Send Friend Request." Almost immediately, he accepted, and we began a typed conversation that lasted the rest of the evening.

The next afternoon, as we continued our catching up, I made my next bold move—this time on stone-cold sober courage—and asked if I could come to Nashville the next day to visit. I know, I know...not very "lady like," but being lady like is one of the few things I've never been accused of in all my life.

But just as he said yes when I asked him out in 1993, he said I was absolutely welcome to join him at the Cherry Blossom Festival the next day.

Chapter Two had just begun....

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