

Now It Can Be Told

This past weekend, one of my dearest friends graduated from the area community college. Weather permitting, I WAS going to attend the ceremony. If weather did not permit, she was only guaranteed 4 tickets so I would not be so bold. However, the weather held (cold and windy as it was but well worth it). After the commencement, a group met for a party. I'm so glad that I was not the only person to bring a gift. We discussed whether I should bring the gift to the restaurant or wait until later. Who am I to listen? I brought it along.

Purchasing the gift was stealth at its best! Easter Sunday before [Wicked](#), my family and I arrived at the theatre before Megan and [Carol](#) so I had time to peruse the souvenir stand. I picked up a few things and then saw something that totally caught my eye: a musical snow globe featuring Glinda and Elphaba that plays one of the musical highlights of the show: "For Good." WHAT AN EXCELLENT GIFT IDEA! I bought it and got it to the van before my friends arrived. Megan asked me why I kept texting them to see how far away they were... now she knows! I'm pretty good with secret keeping but even I was getting antsy because I thought it was such a great idea.

A few days later, Megan posted something to the effect of "Hmm... what to get myself for graduation." on her facebook page. To which I replied, "What can those of us who are not you get you for graduation?" HAHA!

Isn't it great to surprise your friends sometimes!? Congratulations Megan! I hope the next step of your journey is filled with joy and fulfillment!

For Good

It has been just over a week since Emily's memorial service; however, I had to include one of the most emotional moments. A soloist sang a song that I knew that I had to know but at the time could not remember from where. It was THAT powerful. While listening to my library of songs on my itunes shuffle, the song [For Good](#) from the musical [Wicked](#) played. AHAHA. Just hearing the words to the beautiful song took me back not only to the service but through many of my most cherished moments with Emily. Amazing the power of the gift that she helped me cultivate for so many years.

I've heard it said
That people come into our lives for a reason
Bringing something we must learn
And we are led
To those who help us most to grow
If we let them
And we help them in return
Well, I don't know if I believe that's true
But I know I'm who I am today
Because I knew you...

Like a comet pulled from orbit
As it passes a sun
Like a stream that meets a boulder
Halfway through the wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
But because I knew you
I have been changed for good

It well may be
That we will never meet again
In this lifetime
So let me say before we part

So much of me
Is made of what I learned from you
You'll be with me
Like a handprint on my heart
And now whatever way our stories end
I know you have re-written mine
By being my friend...

Like a ship blown from its mooring
By a wind off the sea
Like a seed dropped by a skybird
In a distant wood
Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
But because I knew you
Because I knew you
I have been changed for good

And just to clear the air
I ask forgiveness
For the things I've done you blame me for
But then, I guess we know
There's blame to share
And none of it seems to matter anymore

Like a comet pulled from orbit
As it passes a sun
Like a stream that meets a boulder
Halfway through the wood

Like a ship blown from its mooring
By a wind off the sea
Like a seed dropped by a bird in the wood
Who can say if I've been
Changed for the better?
I do believe I have been
Changed for the better
And because I knew you...

Because I knew you...
Because I knew you...
I have been changed for good...

Everyone has at one time turned to someone be it a parent, sibling, friend, teacher, or even a complete stranger and been changed profoundly in some way. Thank you for being that someone to not only myself but to all those whose lives you touched, For Good.

<div><div><div></div><div></div></div><div><div></div><div></div></div></div>	<p>Wicked (Piano/Vocal Selections) (A New Musical) By Stephen Schwartz.</p> <p>Songbook for voice, piano and guitar chords. This edition is in standard piano/vocal format with the melody in the piano part. 120 pages. Published by Hal Leonard. (HL.313267)</p> <p>See more info...</p>
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