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Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Fri, 12 Oct 2007 01:11:06 GMT

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Posted by [Paul Braun](#) on Fri, 12 Oct 2007 05:43:06 GMT
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allow myself some slack on the Chapin, since my wife saw him a bunch of times and has a book of his poetry that he signed to her.

I guess I figured I was lucky to be there - I was just going to take photos that Andrew (promoter) could use later on his website, and I really had no place in them.

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Posted by [rick](#) on Fri, 12 Oct 2007 08:14:30 GMT

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:36:51 GMT
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I snuck into Stanley Turentine's area during a break and asked him to pose with me for a picture which he did. He said "how did you get back here?". I could tell he was very tired and hot and I felt terrible for doing it when he just wanted a few minutes rest but it was too late, I was already there.

About a month later he died. Talk about guilt !!

John

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Posted by [Rod Lincoln](#) on Fri, 12 Oct 2007 15:03:40 GMT
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