

In Seattle between tree planting stints I was swimming one day at the University of Washington pool. As I was standing at one end a woman swam into me, looked up and said, "What a good looking man!" She was a piano player and singer and had worked as an entertainer using these talents. She was obsessed with Ballade #1 in G Minor by Chopin. Maybe she thought she wasn't getting it right, but to my ears and heart it was a bulls eye. I'd never heard such tender appeals and passionate surges expressed so eloquently, a clear and powerful love story told without words.

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