

The Venice Piano Man's Dream

(How I Felt Good)

Nathan Pino



I met Nathan Pino in North Hollywood, California in 2006. He was living in the park with his dog, Lily. I used to see him at the local Ralph's. I would speak with him about Martial Arts (which I practice) and music.

We developed a friendship. Though he was homeless, he had a very deep wisdom about music. Nathan would tell me how much he loved and could play the piano. From our talks, and depths of his wisdom, I believed him.

Several months went by, and I could see living on the streets was really beginning to take its toll on him. One day he said to me, "Eric, I have dream that if I could only get a piano and get to Venice Beach, I could make it."

Shortly after that, the Universe intervened. In a nearby shop, a used piano was for sale. Nathan told me about it. I gave him some funds. But I really didn't feel good about. I didn't feel good, because what I gave wasn't enough for the piano.

So, the next day I asked him, “How much more do you need to get the piano.” He told me and I gave him the rest of the money. Then, I didn’ t see him again.

Several months later, I was walking down in Venice Beach. I could hear, up in the near distance, someone playing the piano, good.

As I approached, I saw it was Nathan. I was wearing a hat and walked over. I listened to his music and I could really, really see the love he has for the piano, as well as his ability. I asked him to play something for me. He glanced up at me. Then, he looked at me again, and suddenly, stood up from his seat. He said, “I didn’ t see it was you. I want you to understand something, I made it here because of you.” Now, I felt good.

Anyway, if you see Nathan, you can asked him about the Martial Art guy from the Valley in North Hollywood, who help a man fulfil his dream.

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*“If a free society cannot help the many who are poor,
it cannot save the few who are rich.” John F. Kennedy*

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