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Now Paul and I spent a fair amount of time together in the little rooms behind the theatre. Oh yes, Warren Miller and Paul Swigert knew about it.

We performed in a play called **Love Letters** by A. R. Gurney

Our own Rona Stage directed it.

It is a series of letters written by childhood friends all during their lives.

Their names are Melissa and Andy.

With apologies to Mr. Gurney – Melissa has written one more letter to Andy.

Dear Andy,

Remember those endless minutes we spent huddled in the little rooms behind theatres before we performed?

What meaningful conversations we had –

“Is my lipstick on straight?”

“How is my hair and dress?” (I said that)

“Remember all the speeches you made all over the world – were you nervous?”  
(That was me)

“Are you nervous now?”

“How do you remember all the words to all the wonderful songs you sing?”  
(You guessed it Me)

“What time is it?”

“Where is Warren sitting? – Do you see Paul?”

“Do we have any *wine* in here?”

*And you said:*

“No, I’m not nervous.” and “I *wish* I had wine.”

*Then you said:*

“We will be fine Melissa – It’s time”

Thank you for saying the right thing every time and not just in the play.

Oh Paul, you will always be my Andy.

Love, Melissa

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