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Jim Carroll: the tributes roll in

By **Jeff Baker**, **The Oregonian**
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No surprise that people are writing about Jim Carroll, the poet and musician who just died of a heart attack. Here's an **interview** with Carroll, conducted shortly after 9/11, and a nice **overview** from Mother Jones that ends with a great story from Carroll:

"I remember some kid about 11 years old quoted the whole thing ('It's Too Late') to me on the beach one time, outside of Boston. He was in thralls of ecstasy. He knew this song and he saw me on the beach and he could never come to any shows because he was too young but he'd always listened to this song. I told him to come to the show that night and stay backstage. I love kids that come to shows, little kids coming up to you with braces, like some kid came up to me in a parking lot outside a show in Santa Cruz, he was about 14 or 15, and he said, 'Y'know, I love **'The Basketball Diaries'** but I hope your next book of poetry isn't gonna be as academic as **'Living at the Movies'** was.' I said, 'What are you, a little critic?'"

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