



The Space of a Moment

In “Forever Overhead,” David Foster Wallace’s 1991 short story, the narrator tells the story of a young boy waiting to jump off the diving board at his swimming pool. In fact, the entire short, in its over 4,000 words, focuses on this very moment.

Prompt: Take a few minutes to read the excerpt linked below, then think about a singular moment that has stayed with you (or one of your characters). It can be mundane or epic, recent or something that happened in childhood. Then use our writing time to write as much as you can in your preferred genre about this moment, being careful not to stray into the future or the past.

Time: 20 minutes

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