

Journalism 101
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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PINEq6biuKY>

I had a tough time picking one song for this - there are so many favorites with so many meaningful lyrics. I finally settled on A Beautiful Thing, by one of my favorite bands, The Tragically Hip. The lyrics that really get to me are these:

So randomly, somebody calls,
the phone rings and it brings Niagara Falls.
At 3 o'clock in the morning
"You'd better be dying, and you were
so we talked about time
and where it went, unremarkable events,
and how one day took two days, and they got spent.
How you'd continue, carefully, in degrees
Trying to do one true beautiful thing

I really enjoy this band - they're almost uniquely Canadian (as am I), and I find that I associate with a lot of the songs they sing. This one in particular I happened on a few years ago after my dad passed away and I was kind of going through a mental funk - trying to think about my life as a person and father, and where my life was going. This song was one that I listened to a lot and I started to identify with the idea that we have the ability to do amazing things while on this earth, and that my kids were one of those things.

As I mentioned, I love this music, both the band and style, and a lot of it identifies with my Canadian heritage, (such as the song Fireworks - listen if you're interested). In addition, I think that a lot of their songs have really amazing bits of lyrics, which is something that often draws me to a band or song. I think that my affinity to these lyrics specifically alludes to my fairly introspective nature - that I spend a fair amount of time thinking about what I've done, and what my future holds. In addition, I share the idea that if you call me at 3am, it damn well better be an emergency.