

One Moment in Time

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A woman from the future and a man from the past sit on a bench together in the present.

WOMAN: Hang on a sec. Time travel wasn't made available to the public until 2066. I remember it clearly. I was 13 when it happened. Quite a big deal.

MAN: That may well be true, but listen to what you just said -- "made available to the *public*." Time travel has been thought about and worked on and perfected for decades upon decades. Starting with me.

WOMAN: I've read about the 1950s. Seems to me like it was the best time to be alive.

MAN: Well, the music is good, that's for sure. But it's got its fair share of problems too.

WOMAN: If it makes you feel any better, we haven't yet mastered flying cars or curing all diseases. But! It's also not an apocalyptic wasteland either.

MAN: Damn those science fiction writers! So what brings you to 2019?

WOMAN: Data shows that this is the best time to be alive in human history.

MAN: Oh. Well, it looks nice.

WOMAN: Yes, after this point in time, it gets worse. Much worse. At least, for a little bit. Thank God for time travel to give us a break from the norm.

MAN: I'll be 92 in 2019. If I'm still alive, that is. Seems so far away...

WOMAN: And I won't be born for another 34 years.

MAN: And yet, here we are, together, two very different people, having a conversation, enjoying this brief, perfect moment in time.

WOMAN: What a wonderful world this is.

Lights slowly fade to black.