Life

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He takes a deep breath He reaches for the car door He hears the mingled shouts of his children He rises from the car

He sees the green grass He sees the playground He sees the open fields

He begins to chase his kids He almost catches one

He sees a steep hill before him

He sees tripping He sees falling He sees rolling He sees no more

He falls forward face first He rolls

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He stops in front of his oldest child He sits up looking around He sees something which thoroughly confuses him He sees snow all around him

He feels cold beneath his hands He feels confused

He feels like the sun is on top of him He feels like there is no moisture left

He hears birds all around He can't see any He hears spring He smells silence

He knows it should be daylight He sees nighttime

He sees trees surrounding him He remembers being in open fields

He knows what happened He doesn't know why

He knows why his son is standing in front of him He didn't expect to see him again

He knows he won't miss his other children He can't understand that

He knows he won't miss his wife He can't believe that

He knows he led a good life He thinks he did

He lets himself fall over in the snow He wished that he could have lived longer

He knew that it would happen eventually He didn't want it to

He hoped to see his wife and children again He didn't want that to happen

He knew that life was just beginning He knew that he would be happy

He knew... He thought...

He knows... He thinks... He hears... He smells...

He sees... He remembers...

He hopes... He desires...

He wishes... He knows he can't change anything

He wanted to live

He wanted to say "I love you"

He wanted to hug and kiss his kids

He wanted to hug and kiss his wife

He wanted to say goodbye