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00:00:07,030 --> 00:00:05,110  
when i was a little boy we started to

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00:00:09,830 --> 00:00:07,040  
land men on the moon

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00:00:17,910 --> 00:00:09,840  
and i think back then every kid wanted

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00:00:22,230 --> 00:00:20,390  
you know uh in my family i was not the

5  
00:00:24,470 --> 00:00:22,240  
space puff it was actually my older

6  
00:00:26,390 --> 00:00:24,480  
brother he made all the models he had a

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00:00:29,349 --> 00:00:26,400  
gemini model on his desk and he had made

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00:00:31,269 --> 00:00:29,359  
the apollo lunar lander and so his desk

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00:00:32,950 --> 00:00:31,279  
was covered with all these models i

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00:00:34,310 --> 00:00:32,960  
remember one time my brother and i

11  
00:00:36,549 --> 00:00:34,320  
stayed up late for one of the apollo

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00:00:39,110 --> 00:00:36,559  
missions and it perhaps would have would

13  
00:00:40,470 --> 00:00:39,120

have been that time that uh i spent

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00:00:43,590 --> 00:00:40,480

staying up with my brother thinking

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00:00:45,830 --> 00:00:43,600

about hey this is really cool i mean how

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00:00:48,549 --> 00:00:45,840

is it that we are putting men on the

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00:00:50,950 --> 00:00:48,559

moon and and to know that uh that our

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00:00:52,950 --> 00:00:50,960

nation had put people there it was uh

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00:00:54,630 --> 00:00:52,960

even for a six-year-old i think that

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00:00:57,670 --> 00:00:54,640

i was overwhelmed

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00:00:59,670 --> 00:00:57,680

i went to west point in 1981 i was a

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00:01:00,470 --> 00:00:59,680

plebe meaning i was in my first year

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00:01:02,950 --> 00:01:00,480

there

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00:01:04,549 --> 00:01:02,960

and we had three former apollo

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00:01:06,870 --> 00:01:04,559

astronauts who came and spoke to the

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00:01:08,550 --> 00:01:06,880

corps of cadets for the first time i

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00:01:10,789 --> 00:01:08,560

realized that

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00:01:12,789 --> 00:01:10,799

that it was possible you know even a

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00:01:14,710 --> 00:01:12,799

young 18 year old can aspire to these

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00:01:15,910 --> 00:01:14,720

things because here are some role models

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00:01:17,350 --> 00:01:15,920

that were there had gone to the same

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00:01:19,109 --> 00:01:17,360

school i went to

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00:01:20,710 --> 00:01:19,119

and were able to achieve that dream so

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00:01:22,550 --> 00:01:20,720

that was the first time that it became

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00:01:24,950 --> 00:01:22,560

real to me

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00:01:26,630 --> 00:01:24,960

i think all of us that have been

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00:01:27,990 --> 00:01:26,640

involved in a space program when you're

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00:01:29,910 --> 00:01:28,000

on a mission

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00:01:31,190 --> 00:01:29,920

even though you're really busy and

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00:01:32,789 --> 00:01:31,200

you're working very hard and very

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00:01:35,749 --> 00:01:32,799

focused on the mission

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00:01:37,429 --> 00:01:35,759

we all feel this deep sense of gratitude

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00:01:39,510 --> 00:01:37,439

there's a lot of luck involved in

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00:01:41,749 --> 00:01:39,520

becoming an astronaut there's a lot of

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00:01:44,310 --> 00:01:41,759

responsibility as well and we all

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00:01:47,030 --> 00:01:44,320

recognize that but i would say that