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00:00:00,140 --> 00:00:11,240

[Music]

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00:00:24,180 --> 00:00:28,720

I felt I was one of the luckiest guys on Earth.

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00:00:28,720 --> 00:00:33,380

For someone in my profession that has the interests I had, then it was wonderful

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00:00:33,390 --> 00:00:36,380

it was like you won the lottery, only even better.

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00:00:40,920 --> 00:00:47,080

3, 2, 1, 0 ... all engines running, commence  
liftoff.

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00:00:47,480 --> 00:00:54,520

I mean, you figured we went 240,000 miles  
and ... to land right within maybe perfectly

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00:00:54,530 --> 00:00:58,670

or within 10 feet at least of your target,  
that's pretty amazing.

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00:00:58,670 --> 00:01:05,000

It shows how people in mission control and  
the tracking sites and the computer areas

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00:01:05,000 --> 00:01:09,980

were able to refine what we could do.

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00:01:09,980 --> 00:01:15,200

One of the things I've loved about NASA is  
... it never sits still.

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00:01:20,369 --> 00:01:28,360

I have the fondest memories of that particular  
mission... even perhaps more than Apollo because

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00:01:28,370 --> 00:01:34,470

I was a more skilled astronaut by then, and also it's a lot more difficult to stay in

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space and be motivated for two months than it is to go on to the Moon for ten days.

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00:01:40,680 --> 00:01:46,270

Going to the Moon for ten days is like going to Paris for your first visit or something

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00:01:46,270 --> 00:01:48,550

it's good ... every day is different.

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00:01:48,550 --> 00:01:51,880

Hats off to the people that fly the space station now.

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00:01:51,880 --> 00:01:58,200

It's day after day of hard work and even though you have a nice view out the window that doesn't

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00:01:58,200 --> 00:02:04,660

kind of pay you back for the constant effort that you have to put out to be productive in space.

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00:02:10,240 --> 00:02:15,180

After Skylab I began to say, You know, I've seen sights that no other artist in all of

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00:02:15,181 --> 00:02:16,440

history has ever seen.

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00:02:16,440 --> 00:02:21,890

If I could paint that well enough maybe I could do something wonderful in the art world.

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00:02:21,890 --> 00:02:26,629

My theory is they should've taken artists  
along with Christopher Columbus because that

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00:02:26,629 --> 00:02:32,159  
would have been a nice thing to know what  
happened when he got there ... what the other

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00:02:32,159 --> 00:02:36,450  
captains of the other ships looked like, what  
the crew looked like.

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00:02:36,450 --> 00:02:40,150  
So artists are nice things to have around.