

ASTRONAUT

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00:00:00,166 --> 00:00:05,213

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00:00:09,801 --> 00:00:10,677

>> I FIRST STARTED SAYING

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00:00:10,677 --> 00:00:11,636

I WANTED TO BE AN ASTRONAUT

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00:00:11,636 --> 00:00:13,430

WHEN I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD.

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00:00:13,430 --> 00:00:14,514

WE WERE ASKED TO DRAW A PICTURE

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00:00:14,514 --> 00:00:15,306

OF WHAT WE WANTED TO BE

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00:00:15,306 --> 00:00:16,266

WHEN WE GREW UP,

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00:00:16,266 --> 00:00:17,475

AND I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER

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00:00:17,475 --> 00:00:18,685

DRAWING AN ASTRONAUT

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00:00:18,685 --> 00:00:19,978

IN A SPACE SUIT STANDING ON

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00:00:19,978 --> 00:00:21,187

THE SURFACE OF THE MOON

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00:00:21,187 --> 00:00:24,023

NEXT TO THE AMERICAN FLAG.

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00:00:24,023 --> 00:00:25,442

PEOPLE ALWAYS ASSOCIATED

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00:00:25,442 --> 00:00:26,276

SPACE WITH ME.

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00:00:26,276 --> 00:00:27,694

THEY CALLED ME SPACE GIRL.

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00:00:27,694 --> 00:00:28,820

THEY KNEW THAT IT WAS THIS

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00:00:28,820 --> 00:00:30,864

ULTIMATE PASSION THAT I HAD

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00:00:30,864 --> 00:00:32,741

AND THIS GOAL.

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00:00:32,741 --> 00:00:34,451

>> IN THIS HISTORIC MOMENT,

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00:00:34,451 --> 00:00:35,869

FIRST TIME THAT TWO WOMEN

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00:00:35,869 --> 00:00:38,037

HAVE DONE A SPACEWALK TOGETHER.

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00:00:38,037 --> 00:00:38,538

>> I WROTE THIS IN

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00:00:38,538 --> 00:00:39,748

MY HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK.

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00:00:39,748 --> 00:00:41,583

IN-- UNDER FUTURE PLANS,

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00:00:41,583 --> 00:00:43,376

I SAID, TO GO FOR A SPACEWALK.

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00:00:43,376 --> 00:00:44,169
I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT MOMENT

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00:00:44,169 --> 00:00:45,336
COMING OUT OF THE HATCH

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00:00:45,336 --> 00:00:47,380
AND LOOKING DOWN AND SEEING JUST

29
00:00:47,380 --> 00:00:49,090
MY BOOTS AND THE EARTH BELOW

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00:00:49,090 --> 00:00:50,467
AND IT WAS SUCH A SPECTACULAR

31
00:00:50,467 --> 00:00:52,260
AND BEAUTIFUL SIGHT.

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00:00:52,260 --> 00:00:52,886
I PROBABLY DIDN'T HAVE

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00:00:52,886 --> 00:00:54,095
THE MOST TRADITIONAL PATH

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00:00:54,095 --> 00:00:55,555
OF BECOMING AN ASTRONAUT.

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00:00:55,555 --> 00:00:57,182
IT WAS BIOLOGY AND UNDERSTANDING

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00:00:57,182 --> 00:00:58,224
MORE ABOUT ANIMALS

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00:00:58,224 --> 00:00:59,350
THAT REALLY DROVE ME,

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00:00:59,350 --> 00:01:01,644

SO THAT'S WHAT I PURSUED.

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00:01:01,644 --> 00:01:02,520

I'M ALWAYS TELLING PEOPLE,

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00:01:02,520 --> 00:01:03,229

EVERYBODY SHOULD BE

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00:01:03,229 --> 00:01:04,481

SCUBA DIVERS.

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00:01:04,481 --> 00:01:05,315

THERE'S THIS WHOLE WORLD

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00:01:05,315 --> 00:01:06,649

UNDERWATER THAT MOST PEOPLE

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00:01:06,649 --> 00:01:08,193

DON'T GET TO EXPERIENCE.

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00:01:08,193 --> 00:01:09,903

AND FOR ME, BEING IN SPACE

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00:01:09,903 --> 00:01:11,613

SHARES A LOT OF THE SIMILARITIES

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00:01:11,613 --> 00:01:13,239

OF THAT UNDERWATER WORLD.

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00:01:13,239 --> 00:01:14,532

YOU'RE TRAVELING AROUND

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00:01:14,532 --> 00:01:16,326

AND MOVING IN A DIFFERENT REALM.

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00:01:16,326 --> 00:01:17,577

YOU HAVE TO TRUST

51
00:01:17,577 --> 00:01:18,369
IN YOUR HARDWARE,

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00:01:18,369 --> 00:01:20,079
TRUST IN YOUR EQUIPMENT,

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00:01:20,079 --> 00:01:21,164
AND TRUST IN ALL THE PEOPLE

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00:01:21,164 --> 00:01:22,290
THAT HAVE HELPED YOU GET

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00:01:22,290 --> 00:01:23,792
WHERE YOU ARE.

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00:01:23,792 --> 00:01:25,001
IN MY EXPERIENCE AS

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00:01:25,001 --> 00:01:26,753
A SCIENTIST DIVING UNDERWATER

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00:01:26,753 --> 00:01:27,420
OR WORKING AS

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00:01:27,420 --> 00:01:29,297
AN ASTRONAUT IN SPACE,

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00:01:29,297 --> 00:01:30,465
YOU'RE CHALLENGED BOTH

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00:01:30,465 --> 00:01:31,883
MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY

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00:01:31,883 --> 00:01:33,259
AT THE SAME TIME,

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00:01:33,259 --> 00:01:34,844

AND I THINK THOSE ARE THE TIMES

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00:01:34,844 --> 00:01:36,054

WHEN I HAVE REALLY FELT

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00:01:36,054 --> 00:01:38,556

THE MOST CONTENT IN MY LIFE.

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00:01:38,556 --> 00:01:40,058

THE THING IS, IT JUST KEEPS

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00:01:40,058 --> 00:01:41,810

GETTING BETTER AND BETTER.

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00:01:41,810 --> 00:01:42,602

FROM THE MOMENT I ARRIVED

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00:01:42,602 --> 00:01:43,645

ON THE SPACE STATION,

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00:01:43,645 --> 00:01:44,604

I'VE HAD A HUGE SMILE

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00:01:44,604 --> 00:01:46,940

ON MY FACE.

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00:01:46,940 --> 00:01:47,857

FOLLOWING YOUR HEART

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00:01:47,857 --> 00:01:48,483

AND FOLLOWING THE THINGS

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00:01:48,483 --> 00:01:49,859

THAT YOU'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT,

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00:01:49,859 --> 00:01:50,735

YOU CAN STILL ACHIEVE

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00:01:50,735 --> 00:01:52,195
YOUR DREAMS AND YOUR GOALS,

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00:01:52,195 --> 00:01:52,695
AND THAT'S EXACTLY

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00:01:52,695 --> 00:01:56,366
WHAT HAPPENED FOR ME.

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00:01:56,366 --> 00:01:56,908
I THINK I'VE ALWAYS

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00:01:56,908 --> 00:01:58,076
LOOKED UP AT THE MOON

81
00:01:58,076 --> 00:01:58,701
AND THOUGHT ABOUT

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00:01:58,701 --> 00:01:59,828
WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE

83
00:01:59,828 --> 00:02:01,287
TO BE THERE.

84
00:02:01,287 --> 00:02:02,205
WE'RE GOING TO THE MOON

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00:02:02,205 --> 00:02:03,164
TO EXPLORE,

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00:02:03,164 --> 00:02:04,207
AND WE'RE GOING TO THE MOON

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00:02:04,207 --> 00:02:05,917
FOR SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY.

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00:02:05,917 --> 00:02:07,085

I DON'T LOOK AT THIS AS

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00:02:07,085 --> 00:02:08,169

MY OWN ACCOMPLISHMENT

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00:02:08,169 --> 00:02:09,629

OR SOMETHING JUST FOR ME,

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00:02:09,629 --> 00:02:11,131

THIS IS OUR MISSION.

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00:02:11,131 --> 00:02:12,715

THIS IS EVERYBODY'S MISSION.

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00:02:12,715 --> 00:02:16,427

OUR ENTIRE PLANET'S, REALLY.