



ASTRONAUT

KJELL LINDGREN



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00:00:00,500 --> 00:00:05,305
[MUSIC]

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00:00:10,310 --> 00:00:11,077
>> I'VE HAD THAT DREAM OF

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00:00:11,144 --> 00:00:11,811
BECOMING AN ASTRONAUT

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00:00:11,878 --> 00:00:13,513
FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER.

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00:00:14,748 --> 00:00:16,683
>> NEXT THE U.S. ASTRONAUT

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00:00:16,750 --> 00:00:18,017
KJELL LINDGREN,

7
00:00:18,084 --> 00:00:20,120
THE 217TH VISITOR TO

8
00:00:20,186 --> 00:00:22,455
THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION.

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00:00:22,522 --> 00:00:23,690
>> WHAT A PRIVILEGE TO

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00:00:23,757 --> 00:00:24,824
HAVE HAD THAT EXPERIENCE

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00:00:24,891 --> 00:00:25,325
TO LIVE AND WORK ON

12
00:00:25,392 --> 00:00:27,660
THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION.

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00:00:27,727 --> 00:00:28,495

WHEN YOU GO OUT OF

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00:00:28,561 --> 00:00:29,829

THE AIRLOCK AND YOU START

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00:00:29,896 --> 00:00:30,864

MOVING AROUND ON THE OUTSIDE

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00:00:30,930 --> 00:00:32,031

OF THE SPACE STATION,

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00:00:32,098 --> 00:00:32,966

LOOKING THROUGH THAT

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00:00:33,032 --> 00:00:34,667

PLASTIC VISOR AT THAT SCENE

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00:00:34,734 --> 00:00:36,202

THAT OCCUPIES YOUR ENTIRE

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00:00:36,269 --> 00:00:37,337

FIELD OF VIEW, UH,

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00:00:37,404 --> 00:00:38,772

TO SEE THE EARTH SPINNING

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00:00:38,838 --> 00:00:41,241

QUICKLY BELOW IS BREATHTAKING.

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00:00:43,443 --> 00:00:44,611

IT WAS REALLY WATCHING

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00:00:44,677 --> 00:00:46,179

THE SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA

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00:00:46,246 --> 00:00:47,547

LAUNCH IN 1981.

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00:00:47,614 --> 00:00:48,815

AND THAT'S REALLY WHEN,

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00:00:48,882 --> 00:00:50,984

UH, I HAD THAT EUREKA MOMENT

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00:00:51,050 --> 00:00:52,886

THAT PEOPLE ACTUALLY DO THIS.

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00:00:52,952 --> 00:00:53,987

PEOPLE GO INTO SPACE

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00:00:54,053 --> 00:00:55,455

AND MAYBE THAT'S SOMETHING

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00:00:55,522 --> 00:00:56,790

THAT I COULD PURSUE.

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00:00:58,591 --> 00:00:59,225

I WAS ACCEPTED INTO

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00:00:59,292 --> 00:01:00,393

THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY,

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00:01:00,460 --> 00:01:00,860

AND IT WAS THERE THAT

35

00:01:00,927 --> 00:01:01,628

I ACTUALLY DISCOVERED

36

00:01:01,694 --> 00:01:03,396

A PASSION FOR BIOLOGY,

37

00:01:03,463 --> 00:01:04,564

AND SPECIFICALLY THE EFFECTS

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00:01:04,631 --> 00:01:05,732

OF WEIGHTLESSNESS ON

39

00:01:05,799 --> 00:01:08,334

THE HUMAN BODY.

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00:01:08,401 --> 00:01:10,236

AND I REMEMBER VERY CLEARLY

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00:01:10,303 --> 00:01:11,204

GOING INTO DENVER ONE NIGHT

42

00:01:11,271 --> 00:01:12,305

AND, UNFORTUNATELY,

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00:01:12,372 --> 00:01:13,039

SEEING A YOUNG WOMAN

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00:01:13,106 --> 00:01:13,807

GET HIT BY A CAR

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00:01:13,873 --> 00:01:14,808

RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME

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00:01:14,874 --> 00:01:15,875

WHILE I WAS ON THE SIDEWALK.

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00:01:15,942 --> 00:01:17,177

AND I FELT LIKE,

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00:01:17,243 --> 00:01:17,844

YOU KNOW WHAT?

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00:01:17,911 --> 00:01:18,478

I'VE BEEN STUDYING BIOLOGY,

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00:01:18,545 --> 00:01:20,180

BUT I WANT TO KNOW MORE.

51
00:01:20,246 --> 00:01:21,548
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT I WOULD

52
00:01:21,614 --> 00:01:22,482
NEED TO DO TO ACTUALLY

53
00:01:22,549 --> 00:01:23,716
HELP THIS PERSON.

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00:01:23,783 --> 00:01:25,018
AND SO MY PATH SHIFTED

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00:01:25,084 --> 00:01:25,852
A LITTLE BIT AND,

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00:01:25,919 --> 00:01:27,353
UH, I ENDED UP GOING

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00:01:27,420 --> 00:01:28,488
TO MEDICAL SCHOOL.

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00:01:28,555 --> 00:01:29,088
HAD THE GREAT FORTUNE TO

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00:01:29,155 --> 00:01:30,723
BE HIRED ON AS A FLIGHT SURGEON,

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00:01:30,790 --> 00:01:31,691
THE PHYSICIAN THAT TAKES CARE

61
00:01:31,758 --> 00:01:33,226
OF THE ASTRONAUTS, THE CREW.

62
00:01:33,293 --> 00:01:34,661
AND THEN AN ASTRONAUT SELECTION

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00:01:34,727 --> 00:01:35,662

WAS ANNOUNCED AND I THREW

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00:01:35,728 --> 00:01:36,496

MY HAT IN THE RING AND HAD

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00:01:36,563 --> 00:01:37,931

THE GREAT PRIVILEGE OF

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00:01:37,997 --> 00:01:38,331

BEING SELECTED INTO

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00:01:38,398 --> 00:01:40,834

THE 2009 ASTRONAUT CLASS.

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00:01:43,570 --> 00:01:44,270

WE GO TO THE MOON BECAUSE

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00:01:44,337 --> 00:01:46,172

IT MEANS FURTHER BUILDING

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00:01:46,239 --> 00:01:47,674

THAT BRIDGE OF KNOWLEDGE

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00:01:47,740 --> 00:01:50,176

THAT IS REQUIRED TO GET TO MARS.

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00:01:50,243 --> 00:01:52,612

AND AN EXPANSION OF HUMANITY

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00:01:52,679 --> 00:01:54,013

AND THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

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00:01:55,148 --> 00:01:55,882

I'M GRATEFUL TO BE

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00:01:55,949 --> 00:01:57,383

A PART OF THIS TEAM.

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00:01:57,450 --> 00:01:58,218

YOU KNOW, GETTING TO

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00:01:58,284 --> 00:02:00,386

DO THIS JOB IS NOT

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00:02:00,453 --> 00:02:02,589

AN INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENT.

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00:02:02,655 --> 00:02:04,757

IT REPRESENTS EFFORT AND WORK

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00:02:04,824 --> 00:02:05,959

OF FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN

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00:02:06,025 --> 00:02:07,560

WALKING ALONGSIDE ME.

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00:02:07,627 --> 00:02:10,129

MY FAMILY, CLASSMATES,

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00:02:10,196 --> 00:02:10,897

COLLEAGUES, TEACHERS,

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00:02:10,964 --> 00:02:12,198

MENTORS, COACHES.

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00:02:12,265 --> 00:02:13,032

I AM GRATEFUL FOR

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00:02:13,099 --> 00:02:13,800

THEIR INVESTMENT

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00:02:13,867 --> 00:02:16,102

OF TIME AND ENERGY IN