

Time to Breathe

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TIME TO BREATHE - SHORT FILM

FADE IN:

INT: AFTERNOON

BLANK WALL EXCEPT LARGE CLOCK, ROMAN NUMERALS, CASTING SHADOW. CLOCK TICKING DOWN FROM 12:59:45 TOWARDS 13:00:00. CLOCK STOPS AT 13:00:00

PATRICK (V.O.)
What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and
stare?--

AS THE CLOCK STOPS, BEGIN FADE TOWARDS NEXT SCENE

EXT: AFTERNOON - SUNNY

PATRICK (V.O.) (cont'd)
No time to stand beneath the
boughs,

FADES FROM CLOCK TO WIDE VISTA OVER-LOOKING RYDAL WATER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT. HILLS/MOUNTAIN RANGE IN BACKGROUND, BLUE SKY, SUMMERTIME. VIEW ACROSS CALM GREYISH BLUE LAKE, DUCKS TRAVERSING. PANNING ACROSS CATTLE IN FIELDS BEYOND LAKE.

PATRICK (V.O.) (cont'd)
And stare as long as sheep and
cows:

DOG RUNNING BACK AND FORWARD OUT OF WATER FURTHER DOWN LAKE (OUT OF EARSHOT).

PATRICK (V.O.) (cont'd)
No time to see, when woods we pass,

WATCHING SQUIRRELS RUNNING AROUND BASES OF TREES. SOUNDS OF A FEW BIRDS IN THE TREES SURROUNDING THE FIRST PLACEMENT.

PATRICK (V.O.) (cont'd)
Where squirrels hide their nuts in
grass:

PAN ACROSS TO STREAM FLOWING DOWN FROM HILLS INTO EDGE OF LAKE. WIDE SHOT OF YOUNG LADY IN STREAM.

PATRICK (V.O.) (cont'd)
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies
at night:

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FOCUS NOW FULLY ON LONE YOUNG BARE-FOOTED LADY TWIRLING IN STREAM. SUMMER DRESS (YELLOW WITH BIG FLOWERS, KNEE LENGTH, FLOWING HEM).

PATRICK (V.O.) (cont'd)
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can
dance:

FOCUS IN ON YOUNG LADIES HEAD/FACE - LAUGHING AND SMILING.
ARMS OUT AS SHE SPINS

PATRICK (V.O.) (cont'd)
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began?

PAN CAMERA BACK TO WIDE VISTA (OVER-LOOKING RYDAL WATER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT) SHOWING BLUE SKY, MOUNTAINS, WOODED AREAS

PATRICK (V.O.) (cont'd)
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

FADE OUT:

THE END