

A SUPERLATIVE BRIEF MOMENT OF GLORY

*How long this ineffable moment lasted I never knew. It broke like a bubble at the sudden singing of a bird, and the wind blew and the world was the same as ever – only never **quite** the same.*

Mary Austin

If you've had such an experience ('a moment in time and yet out of it') have you shared it with anyone? Did you want to prolong the experience, but found you couldn't? Could you describe the 'glory'? Was it freeing, expansive, full of promise? Have you made any connections with worship or prayer?

Perhaps you could read again about the disciples on the road to Emmaus encountering the risen Jesus, and hear them say, after that quite dis-orienting encounter:

'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' (Luke 24: 13-35)

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