

Introduction

Present: Hello and welcome everybody to Walden's Carol. Today we're here with:

Past: The ghost of the past!

Present: The ghost of the present!

Future: The ghost of the future

All Ghosts: And the one and only...

Thoreau: Thoreau!

<<A & M screen>>

Past: Thoreau wake up!!!

Thoreau: Who are you?!

Past: I'm the ghost of your past.

Thoreau: Well I get that, but why are you here?

Past: Why am I here? Why are you in the woods?

Thoreau: I went to live deliberately, to-

Past: Yeah sure, I'm here because you've been an arrogant little brat

Thoreau: That doesn't sound like me!

Past: Well it is and now we're gonna go on a walk through the past to discover your humbling history.

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Past -

Past: Here we are!

Thoreau: Is this a joke?

Past: No, this is your childhood home. Oh look there's your brother, John.

Thoreau: John! John! Why can't he hear me?

Past: You can't change the past, you can only learn from it.

Thoreau: Why is he getting down on one knee? Why is Ellen there? Hello???

**John gets down on one knee*

Present: Will you marry me, Ellen?

Future: YES!

Thoreau: WHAT!

Past: Your closest friend and brother proposing to your ex-fiance, personally I wouldn't have taken that. Anyways let's move on. Next is your brother's death.

Thoreau: WHAT???

**John shaves then falls*

Past: He died of a tetanus infection. We have a vaccine for that now by the way.

Thoreau: **sobbing** He literally died in my arms.

Dr. C: Tetanus? Traummaaatiiccccc.

Past: I know this is an emotional moment but we're on a schedule here so we kinda have to get moving. We have one last stop.

<<A & M screen>>

Thoreau: This is where I lived with Emerson.

Past: Yeah, wait why would a Harvard grad like yourself not have his own house. Weren't you working as a professor?

Thoreau: I was too good for those students, their intellectual abilities were like a drop in the ocean compared to the vastness of knowledge. I couldn't continue seeing such a waste of possible intellectual ability.

Past: Are you done yet? You survived off of your family and Emerson.

Thoreau: I lived alone in the woods, eating what I farmed, being heated by the wood I chopped.

Past: Yeah, and whose land was that on again? It's Time to go back to the present

K & P Screen

Present -

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Thoreau: Woah, who are you?

Present: I'm the ghost of the present, here to walk you through your way of living.

Thoreau: Here we are! That's my cabin. I constructed it alllllll by myself. No one really lives here but me.

Present: Who's that?

Future: Hey neighbor! (Brister)

Thoreau: That's no one.

Present: Say hi back! He lived here too.

Thoreau: ...no.

Present: Well that's rude.

Thoreau: Hi mommy!

Past: Here's your dinner sweetie.

Thoreau: Thanks! Back to what I was saying, I'm completely self-sufficient and I make all my own food, hoeing beans and everything.

Present: You're literally such a hypocrite.

Thoreau: What do you mean?

Present: Your mom literally fed you while you played house in the woods. How can you call that self-sufficient?

Thoreau: I don't know what you mean. I survived in the wilderness all on my own.

Present: You mean on someone else's land where others already lay claim

Emerson (K) and Brister (A) wave with gigantic name tags

Thoreau: Oh.

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Future -

Future: Hey Thoreau! I like the cut, G.

Thoreau: What cut? Who's G?

Future: It means I really like that beard (points) ...there.

Thoreau: Well, I must take that as a compliment. My mother always said I was special.

Future: Get over yourself dude!

Past: Henry David Thoreau - that guy was STUCK UP. He spent his life all alone in the middle of nowhere sitting and thinking and writing about life and

telling others to not work. Like dude, other people need to work. They can't just sit around and do nothing like him.

Present: Wait a minute, so he didn't even have Wi-Fi? He just sat around and supposedly enlightened himself while others worked their butts off?

Past: Oh yes, and he was so like hypocritical and antisocial but I supposed he had some good ideas if you take the time to listen

Thoreau: *[teary eyed]* Wait, wait...is that what they think of me? While I concur that I have not only good but probably great ideas, I am no hypocrite or stuck up – whatever that may mean.

Future: Well well, am I witnessing self growth here or what?! If you think you are no hypocrite or stuck up then prove it! Let your actions speak louder than words! Hehehe I can be on Ted Talk for that.

Thoreau: Well convey my greetings to Ted, whoever that talker may be but I supposed I know very little of the ways of men.

Future: And women! And non-identifying! You gotta be inclusive man.

Thoreau: Right right, I shall venture to the nearest library and study not just nature but also humans. I shall do and speak in ways that will make them remember my coolness.

Future: You are learning already! Look at you go. But life is not just in books. You need to put yourself out there and talk to people and make mistakes and learn or else you will be a bookworm

Thoreau: A bookworm?! How does one metamorphose into a worm of a book?!

Future: Okaaay buddy, we have a lot of learning to do.

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Conclusion -

Thoreau sees tourists talking about him, reflects

Thoreau: I don't want people to remember me as arrogant.

step forward for your line

Present: Maybe you should start off with acknowledging people who helped you along the way.

Future: And be a little more open minded

Past: Facts.

Thoreau: coughs

DR.C: Tuberculosis? We have a vaccine for that too!