

Side #5

Actor 2

(Actor 2 takes a breath)

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I started falling last month
My legs would go numb and they'd
I don't know
they'd just give out on me
I'd rub them
I'd keep rubbing them until I got the feeling back
But then I noticed it in my face
It was going numb too
I couldn't smile right
It would curve up on the left but that's all it would be able to do
My
my mom says I have a nice smile
I think about that
How I won't be able to smile at my mom the right way anymore
I tried chewing gum
sucking on mints
eating taffy
I thought it would be like rubbing my leg, but doing it on the inside of my mouth, you know?
And it usually kind of worked, but sometimes it wouldn't, so I'd just be sitting there with green
apple taffy stuck in my throat because I couldn't make my body swallow it
I finally had to call my neighbor because I woke up one morning and my arm was limp
Stayed limp for six hours
I couldn't move it
He drove me to the emergency room because we thought I had a stroke
The doctor did some tests, and when she finally came into the room, she said that it's
uh
it's not good
It's actually quite bad
She gave my neighbor some paperwork to take home with me
but it's mostly just stuff on how to ease the pain
There's nothing they can really do to fix it
It's a uh
a time thing

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you breathe