

## Measured Moments

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My mother grew up in a very wealthy \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> in Massachusetts, for her father was an \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> at MIT as an engineer. He died very young and there was a series of unfortunate events that took place in her \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> that left them a little more economically disadvantaged. They were able keep their house in the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Adjective</sup> community, but they were barely holding on to their home. As my \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> grew older, she developed a mental illness, something her family had been unable to deal with. When my mother had me, she had been working, but the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun - Plural</sup> from pregnancy contributed to her mental illness worsening. She was no longer able to work and welfare ended up being a safety net for her and I. I was on welfare for the first ten years of my \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> (1982 through the early nineties), for I was a dependent child upon my mother's care. We \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Verb - Past Tense</sup> in programs such as Wick and food stamps, and I even \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Verb -</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Past Tense</sup> to head start. We also had housing through Section 8. I remember when I was very young, my mother and I were on a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Verb - Present Tense</sup> list for more appropriate housing for almost two years. The two of us had been living in a one-room studio \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> that had \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun - Plural</sup> and rats. My mother had gone back to school, trying to get her Bachelor's Degree, but her illness had again prevented her from \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Verb - Present Tense</sup> her education. We hung on by the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> of our teeth frequently. I remember getting a thousand dollars from a family member to buy back to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> clothing and \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Adjective</sup> necessities. Within a week or two of buying these desperately needed items, there was a fire in our \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> building, and we lost everything. There was no recovering because of course we had no \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Noun</sup> for renter's insurance, and so we had to start all over again. We again had to be \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Verb -</sup> \_\_\_\_\_<sup>Past Participle</sup>

on the list for \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_ housing because now we were living in a motel room, which was all that we could afford, while we waited for supported \_\_\_\_\_ *Adjective* \_\_\_\_\_ housing. Mostly all of the children and \_\_\_\_\_ *Noun - Plural* \_\_\_\_\_ we interacted with in the apartment buildings that we \_\_\_\_\_ *Verb - Past Tense* \_\_\_\_\_ in were also on public assistance.