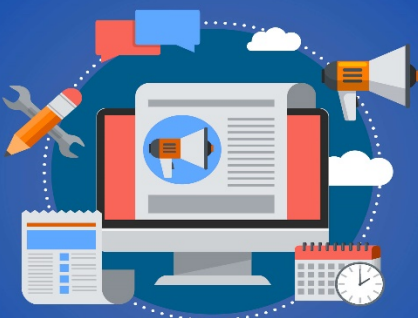


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## Freeze me

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Freeze me.  
This is the moment  
I yearned for.

I don't want to grow old.  
Let my limbs  
drink the wine  
and soul swim  
in this elixir.

Agony has miraculously  
turned into ecstasy.  
I don't want to know  
how, why and when.  
I know it happened  
and it has to happen.

Freeze this moment.  
Only this moment is mine.

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