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“And by and by Christopher Robin came to an end of things, and he was silent, and he sat there, looking out over the world, just wishing it wouldn’t stop.”

– Winnie the Pooh (The House at Pooh Corner)

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