



Looking back on the Challenger tragedy I only recall it happening. Not what I was doing at the time, where I was, or even who shared that moment with me. At that time I was a school kid trying to survive the trials and tribulations of social interaction with my peers.

As an adult, watching the One Hour Special - The Challenger: Lost Tapes, I was surprised by just how much I was drawn in, and more importantly, how much the special tugged at my emotions.

The title of the program is a bit of a misnomer. Though it discusses the Challenger event starting with the preparations all the way to the disaster, the program is really more about the first civilian astronaut, Christa McAuliffe. She was hand picked by the President to be the first civilian passenger into space, and she was a teacher, a mother and a spouse. This program, using nothing but broadcasts from television and radio (with a small use of text), introduces the woman as all the things mentioned above and really puts things into perspective for people like myself who know of the Challenger disaster, but who never truly understood the scope of how truly tragic it was. I highly recommend this program to anyone. It does an amazing job of telling the story with a narration put together from the past. Enjoy.

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