

Sit with us for a moment and remember:

Coda

There's nobody here now. It's just us and the past and the present and the future, and in a minute the bells will ring. The same bells that ring every 15 minutes here until now. Every hour on the hour they ring one minute early and it has marked time for a century since the park was gifted to the city. Over 3 and a half million times the bell has rung. I'm going to record the bell ringing now so you can hear it and I want you to imagine all the times it's rung before over 100 years of history, and a man is drinking on the bench next to me, and there are people in face masks on the steps opposite me, and there are people on benches across the lake from me holding hands talking and kissing and cuddling and looking over the lake and wondering why I'm talking into my phone, and birds are singing and a bell is ringing.

The plaque says sit with us for a moment and remember.