

# SPECTATOR

**DIRECTOR**

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**DURATION**

6:00

**YEAR**

2017

**ORIGINAL LANGUAGE**

No dialogue

**CATEGORY**

Experimental

**DESCRIPTION**

Dad shows me his newspaper face as he turns the pages, seated in the old seat, just a couple of meters away, inhabiting another world. In place of conversation there are headlines to consider. *What did we just do?, Mac scientists go to 'dark' side.* He was one of those scientists once upon a time, now it's enough to read and forget all about it in a single gesture. He has retired from his electrical engineering, he'll never make another friend, and he's slowly and steadily losing his memory aka his mind. The backpage reads: *Guts, Determination and Passion Got Him This Far. Help Him Go All The Way.*

Is it the oldest dream? Giving birth to my father. Shot on a single starry afternoon.

"The pelican at the end sums it up in a way - looking back while moving forward.... moving farther away from home/nest while fixating on the past...trying to find an answer there." - Charlie Egleston

**IMAGE FORMAT**

16:9

**SHOOTING FORMAT**

HD

**KEYWORDS**

Loss, Past, Departure

**THEMES**

Identity

Family