

## *Right Now at this Moment as We Speak*

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Two humpback whales  
are breaching eight miles  
off the coast of Venezuela  
and monks are chanting  
in Nepalese in Nepal  
and in Monserrat in Spanish  
and a woman in a suburb  
of Lincoln, Nebraska  
has just been told her nephew's  
cancer is in remission  
and a 3,000 year old Redwood  
on the north coast of California  
is still alive at this moment  
and someone in Salamanca  
has just found a fifty Euro bill  
on the sidewalk and a newborn is crying  
in the village of a nearly extinct tribe  
in East Timor and the sun here just now  
broke through to paint everything in color  
and the coffee I'm sipping as I write this  
tastes especially rich and in Nigeria  
a man at this moment has lost his goat  
just so he will find it again and be glad.