

## Plague of Locusts

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Amazing. My little girl, playing with the shell of a dead bug. (Laughs) I never thought I'd be saying that. But, it's oddly... inspiring. And she's not playing with any dead bug. It's a Locust. Like, one of those big grasshopper lookin things. The kind of bug that would terrify most people, myself included. But shes just... playing with it. Like it's another one of her toys. (beat) What I would give to feel that way again. To be that innocent again. Not having a single care in the world, and not knowing there is more to be afraid of than a monster under your bed. I wish she could just stay this way forever. But, sooner or later, she'll realize just that. That there is much more to fear. (beat) It says in the Bible that the Locust is one of the seven plagues used by God in the end of days. Swarms of them will appear and devour our food and attack men without the mark of God. They're literally here to destroy. But look at the way she's playing with it. She doesn't see them that way at all. As far as she's concerned, she's just playing. Being a kid. So I guess, in a way, there is a sort of... beauty... to be found in them. A chorus of beautiful sound in the summertime, and a little friend for my baby girl. And that... that is what inspires me. Her ability to look past that fear, and find a little joy. Finding beauty in the most terrifying, and, frankly, ugly bug. I wish I could think that way again... (beat) Maybe I still could. (beat) Who knew I could get all that from my little girl playing around in the dirt.