

Half Your Age - Audio Commentary

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There's this theme of work here of misplaced resiliency. I think I've told this story before, but, when I was a kid I wanted to be a professional hockey player and if you've ever seen me in person you can pretty quickly surmise that puberty may have skipped a few steps during my blossoming

But, uh, the real cause for alarm was that I can't ice skate and I've never been able to. And somehow I figured that I'd learn, y'know, later

And eventually, I realized around fifteen or sixteen that I wasn't gonna be drafted by a NHL team

Now as an adult I realize if you're not on skates by about age 5 you've got no chance, no chance at all

I think there's a lot of irrational belief in people my age and younger that we're all destined to do really big things and special things and I think it's important to be open to the idea that your dream might not be the thing, it might be the thing that leads you to the thing, and it might not even be that. But it's okay to say "Hey I tried," and move onto something else

And yes, I do recognize the fact that my backup plan to professional hockey player was professional musician, which is equally difficult