

# MCA EAGLE EYE

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From: Nobody*



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let's take things slow



*Netflix  
and  
Grill?*

TO:

FROM:

Throw  
kindness  
around like  
confetti

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# THE SUPER BOWL HALFTIME SHOW: NOT A "SWEET VICTORY"

By: Rocco Tropea

On November 26th, 2018, Stephen Hillenburg, the creator of the hit animated show *Spongebob Squarepants*, lost his battle against ALS. Many fans of the show were deeply saddened by the loss of the man who was responsible for so many childhood memories. Whether you watched *Spongebob* or not, loved it or despised it, we can all agree that the show has had a tremendous impact on children across the globe.

Therefore, to honor the death of such a beloved creator, an online petition was created on change.org to play "Sweet Victory" at the Super Bowl LIII halftime show. This song, which appeared in the *Spongebob* episode "Band Geeks," is exciting, triumphant, and well-respected by fans of the show.

The petition reached over 1 million online signatures, and Maroon 4 5, the main performers

for the halftime show, teased in a promotional video that Spongebob might be making an appearance. And sure enough, he did, but it was not what everyone expected.

At some point during the Maroon 5 performance, the show cut to a new animation of Squidward, who introduced the *Spongebob* characters to perform the long-awaited number. However, all fans got was a remix of the trumpet intro to "Sweet Victory," which ended up being an introduction to "Sicko Mode" by Travis Scott. Thus, Spongebob was on screen for about 2 seconds, and "Sweet Victory" wasn't played at all.



Those who came in expecting the Steve Hillenburg tribute were outraged and took to social media to ridicule the performance. People probably would have rather preferred no Spongebob at all than an introduction to "Sicko Mode" (which wasn't even that amazing to begin with). Calling it a disgrace may be an overstatement, but many people were



certainly disappointed.

But what went wrong? Who was to blame? We know a staff post on Twitter that Nickelodeon, when making the new animation for Squidward, was under the impression that the song would be played. Thus, it seems that the NFL, or maybe even Maroon 5, made the decision to not include the song. Perhaps they believed that including the short clip would satisfy the people who demanded that the song be played, or maybe they felt that it wasn't worth it to appeal to a minority compared to the vast number of Super Bowl

viewers. Whatever way you slice it, it's clear that what people got was not what they had bargained for.

Although Steve Hillenburg didn't get a Super Bowl tribute from the NFL, he did get one from the NHL. A home game for the Dallas Stars featured the song during the intermission, with the full clip from the original *Spongebob* episode played on the overhead screens.

In fact, the original petition is still up on [change.org](http://change.org), so if you are a *Spongebob* fan who wishes that the "Sweet Victory" performance could have

been made into a reality, feel free to hop online and add your name to the other 1 million plus.



# JPMORGAN CHASE ENTERS THE WORLD OF CRYPTOCURRENCY

By: Megan Santhumayor

## Announcement

Among the latest news regarding technology is the statement of JPMorgan Chase creating its own cryptocurrency on February 13, 2019. The so-called JPM Coin is different compared to Bitcoin and the like. It is just getting off the ground but seems to have great potential. At this initial stage, the target is mainly large firms and customers rather than individuals. However, the company hopes to extend its platform eventually. JPM Coin will allow immediate transactions and money transfers.



JPMorgan Chase's creation of its own cryptocurrency serves as a test of whether it is efficient. It will be useful in facilitating international transactions and reducing the settlement times. Currently, the value of the JPM Coin will be stable at 1 U.S. dollar and will not fluctuate. The first step in the process would require that clients deposit a specific amount to be issued JPM Coins. Next, the actual coin transfer occurs. Finally, the coins can be redeemed. The coin will be rolled out in a pilot program this year.

## Reactions

There have been mixed responses from the public, with some who are proponents of the JPM Coin and others who are opponents that have negative feelings towards it. In addition, in September 2017, CEO Jamie Dimon declared that Bitcoin was a fraud. Many are confused that JPMorgan Chase is now the first large bank to provide its own  
6 cryptocurrency and consider Dimon a traitor. Wall Street analysts thought the project to

be fake due to the fact that cryptocurrency is meant to have no central control. However, the JPM Coin is private and centralized which seems antithetical to the original concept.

Still, people such as venture capitalist Tim Draper are in favor of the unexpected move made by Dimon. He mentioned, "His move will lead to the biggest change in the world's history and it is exciting. I thought the advent of the Internet was exciting, but this news will change everything completely." Draper believes that this decision will educate the public about decentralized currency. According to him, the news was beneficial to the cryptocurrency industry.

### **Impact**

As the use of blockchain technology increases and improves over time, it is extremely likely that more firms will join JPMorgan Chase on this platform. Cryptocurrencies offer numerous advantages, and if the company finds success, others will create their own as well based on their resources and needs. The effect of this venture will not be immediately apparent but can be seen later as JPMorgan Chase uses it often as a medium for settling payments between clients. Banks have shown interest in blockchain, and in the future, this digital ledger will be applied worldwide.





# UPCOMING MARVEL MOVIES

By: Roshan Patel

Many speculate this year to be one of the most exciting years for the Marvel Cinematic Universe. After Thanos's magic snap in which half of all life was wiped out, many comic fans have developed a wide variety of theories and ideas as to how the Avengers will defeat Thanos.

## 1. *Captain Marvel*

During the post-credits scene in the *Avengers*, Marvel fans got their first glimpse of the Captain Marvel logo. A few months later, a Captain Marvel trailer was released. From watching the trailer, we know that Captain Marvel is a superhuman named Carol Danvers. Previous to gaining her powers, she was a fighter pilot within the Air Force. After she crash-landed, however, an alien race rescued her and gave her special powers, including the ability to fly, super-strength, and much more. The trailer for the movie also featured a two-eyed Nick Fury and a younger Phil Coulson, as it is set in the '80s to '90s. This film holds great promise for the Marvel Cinematic Universe and is the first major Marvel movie to feature a female lead protagonist.



## 2. *Avengers: Endgame*

Although the last *Avengers* movie left many fans disappointed with the outcome, the two *Avengers: Endgame* trailers have left many fans excited for the upcoming movie. Fans can't help but notice that the original Avengers survived the snap and speculate that they will play an integral role in reversing Thanos's

decision. In addition, many leaks have suggested that the Incredible Hulk will appear in the film, making his first appearance since *Thor: Ragnarok*. Other leaks have suggested that Rocket will play a key role in rescuing Iron Man and Nebula. Finally, many predict that Captain Marvel will hold Thanos's beloved Infinity Gauntlet and will use its power to reverse the effects of the snap.

### 3. *Spiderman: Far From Home*

Lastly, *Spiderman: Far From Home* is an exciting upcoming movie for the Marvel Cinematic Universe. The fact that Peter Parker is back from seemingly being snapped to dust suggests that Thanos's snap was somehow reversed in the upcoming *Avengers: Endgame* movie. Others speculate that the Marvel Cinematic Universe will split apart into two separate timelines, one in which the snap never occurred in the first place. The film holds great promise and features Tom Holland as Peter Parker, Jacob Batalon as Ned, and Marisa Tomei as Aunt May. The film also introduces new villains such as Sandman, Hydro-Man, and Mysterio.

Although many questions remain yet to be answered, one thing is clear: the upcoming Marvel movies will be some of the best over the past few years.





# WHAT'S UP WITH THE WEATHER?: A LOOK AT HOW CLIMATE CHANGE IS IMPACTING OUR ENTIRE WORLD

By: Avinash Kumar

Climate change: it's a subject you can't avoid, and you're only going to hear more about it as the world continues to feel the heat.

Maybe you've watched documentaries about cute, endangered polar bears or tried to read complicated scientific journals about wildfires, rising ocean levels or fossil fuels. The causes of climate change are everywhere, from the clothes you wear to the burgers you eat, but do you actually understand the basics?

## What is Climate Change?

The term, climate change is used to describe a long-term change in global temperatures and weather patterns. The earth's temperature has changed drastically in its 4.5 billion year history, from the Huronian Ice Age that covered vast portions of the planet in ice for nearly 300 million years, to a period about 50 million years ago, when scientists believe that palm trees and crocodiles were native above the Arctic Circle.

Today, climate change is commonly used as a term to describe the effects of global warming that have occurred as a result of human activity following the industrial revolution in the 18th century.

## Why is Climate Change Happening Now and What are the Causes?

This is where it gets a little complicated. Earth's atmosphere is full of gases. Some gases, including nitrogen and oxygen -- that together accounts for 99% of the gas in the atmosphere -- do not absorb heat from the sun, allowing it to reflect back into space from the Earth's surface.

Other gases, known as greenhouse gases -- including carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide -- absorb heat and make up roughly 0.1% of the atmosphere. When these gases absorb solar energy, they radiate it back towards the planet's surface and to other gas molecules, creating the greenhouse effect.

The greenhouse effect plays an important role in naturally regulating the temperature of our climate. Without it, the Earth's average temperature would -18°C. That's roughly the temperature of a household freezer.

Since the industrial revolution, the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere has been increasing as a result of human activities like burning fossil fuels, deforestation, and modern farming practices.

## Can Climate Change be Stopped?

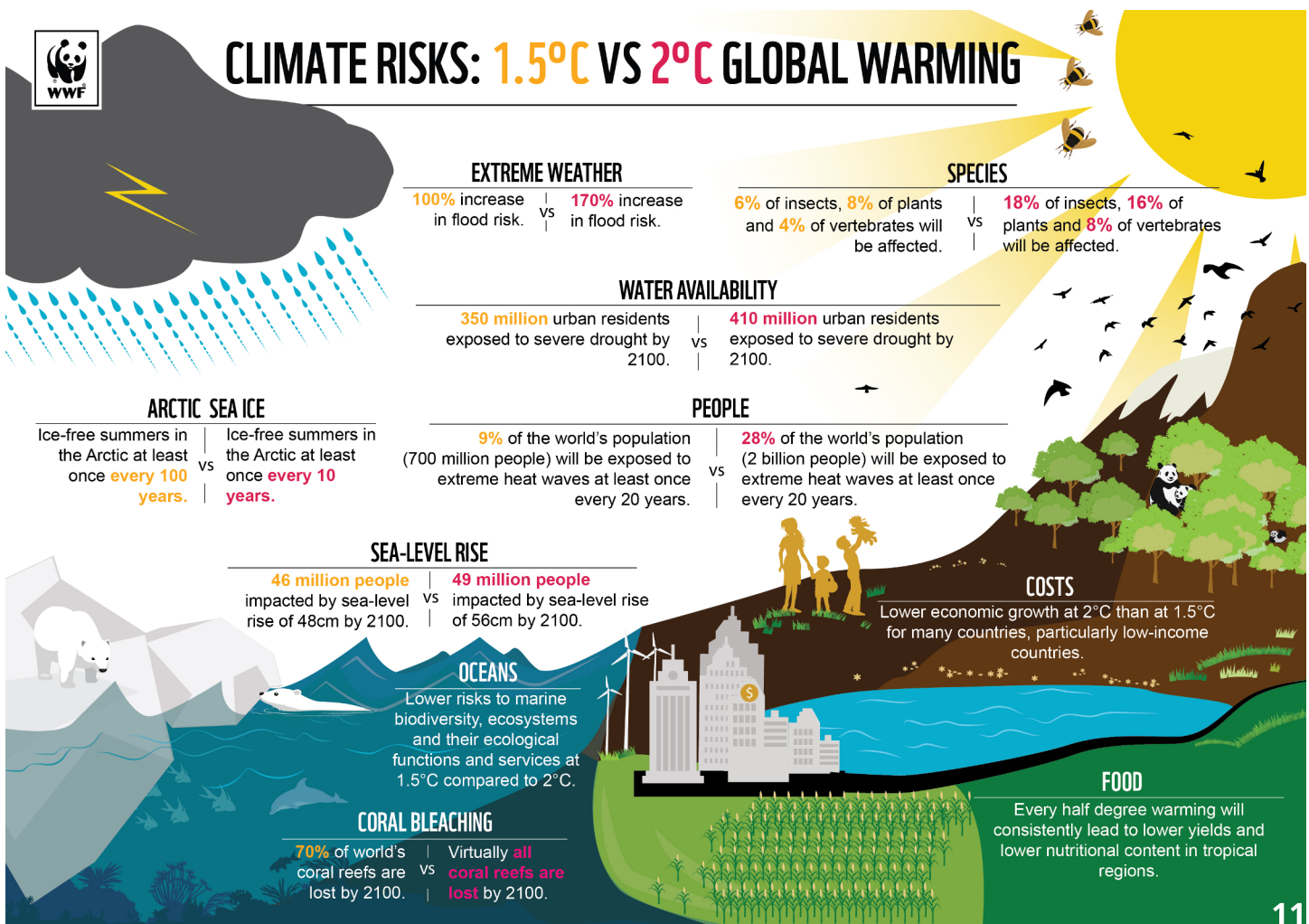
But there is hope. Climate change can be limited and halted but only if we take what the rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society. To do this, two things need to happen.

Firstly, we need to reverse 250 years of bad environmental habits. In December 2015, 195 countries agreed to a legally binding framework to achieve zero net carbon pollution by the end of the century. The immediate challenge is to slow down and limit global warming to "well below" 2°C above pre-industrial levels.

A key aspect of this is to limit the human practices that create greenhouse

gas emissions. That will mean changes to many aspects of our daily lives -- from our diets, to the way we travel and how we produce the products we all buy.

The second, big challenge is reversing the effect of those practices by reducing the amount of carbon dioxide that is already in the atmosphere. There have been advances on this front, ranging from hi-tech carbon capture technologies to planting more trees. But the fact still remains; we all need to take huge strides to limit CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere. The time for small change has passed if we want to preserve the current state of the environment.



# Coming Back to Him

By: Adhya Khare

Each step was lined with the patterns on the floor. The haphazard placement of irregular shapes held my feet completely. The cracks between them were left untouched. If someone looked from afar, they would think something was wrong with me. Maybe there was. I never knew that the short walk to college center could seem so much like a darkened corridor. Wide enough only to fit me. At least this pathway has trees.

A breeze blows through my hair and flows behind me. I wished I could capture that sound. The leaves came alive as the wind tickled their branches. If I closed my eyes, I could hear the ocean. The rustling twigs became a wave fizzling out on the sand. My toes dig deep in my shoes reaching for grains. Reaching so far that the pavement melts, and I'm somewhere else.

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I control my sinking. Billions of grains running through each toe, each insignificant, but all together a bed as soft or as hard as I wanted it to be. People say your senses are heightened in the dark. It must be true because I felt each bead of sand under my bare feet. I thought the moon was shy. Tonight, she hid behind her veil of clouds and called out to her sisters to do the same. It's fine. I wasn't here for them either way.

Each step brought me closer to the chair. I wasn't allowed to sit on it, but the lifeguards weren't here now. The only witness to my crime was him.

I had waited long for this. A few moments alone with him. Not in my memory, but in reality. To hear him in his actuality and not through simulations in my head. I had dreamt of him and woke up to him. I had spent 287 days waiting. Drawing out each breath for him.

Now, I was here. The fizzing white curls and navy blue depths waved high from the shore. His thrumming droned out at the end of each word. He spoke softly. Deeply. To my ears it sounded like a whining wind, but my heart knew. It understood.

"I missed you, too."



# Love Will Find You

By: Pranjay Kumar

A rose  
A dangerous beauty  
A spirit carefree  
A loving inferno

Her eyes gratifying  
Her laugh captivating  
My eyes unwavering  
My laugh mimicking

Before  
My heart naive  
After  
My mind deceived

Her gaze belittling  
My smile exhausting  
Her touch threatening  
My voice convincing

Days pass by  
My courage gathers  
Tired of wry  
My voice can't falter





She comes through  
Heart skips a beat  
Finally, I withdrew  
No need to repeat



She stood up  
Head held high  
No blowup  
No outcry

My trust broken  
Regret my isolator  
My heart closing  
Alone forever



Or so I thought  
A year passed  
My life distraught  
Love naught  
Till I met her at last



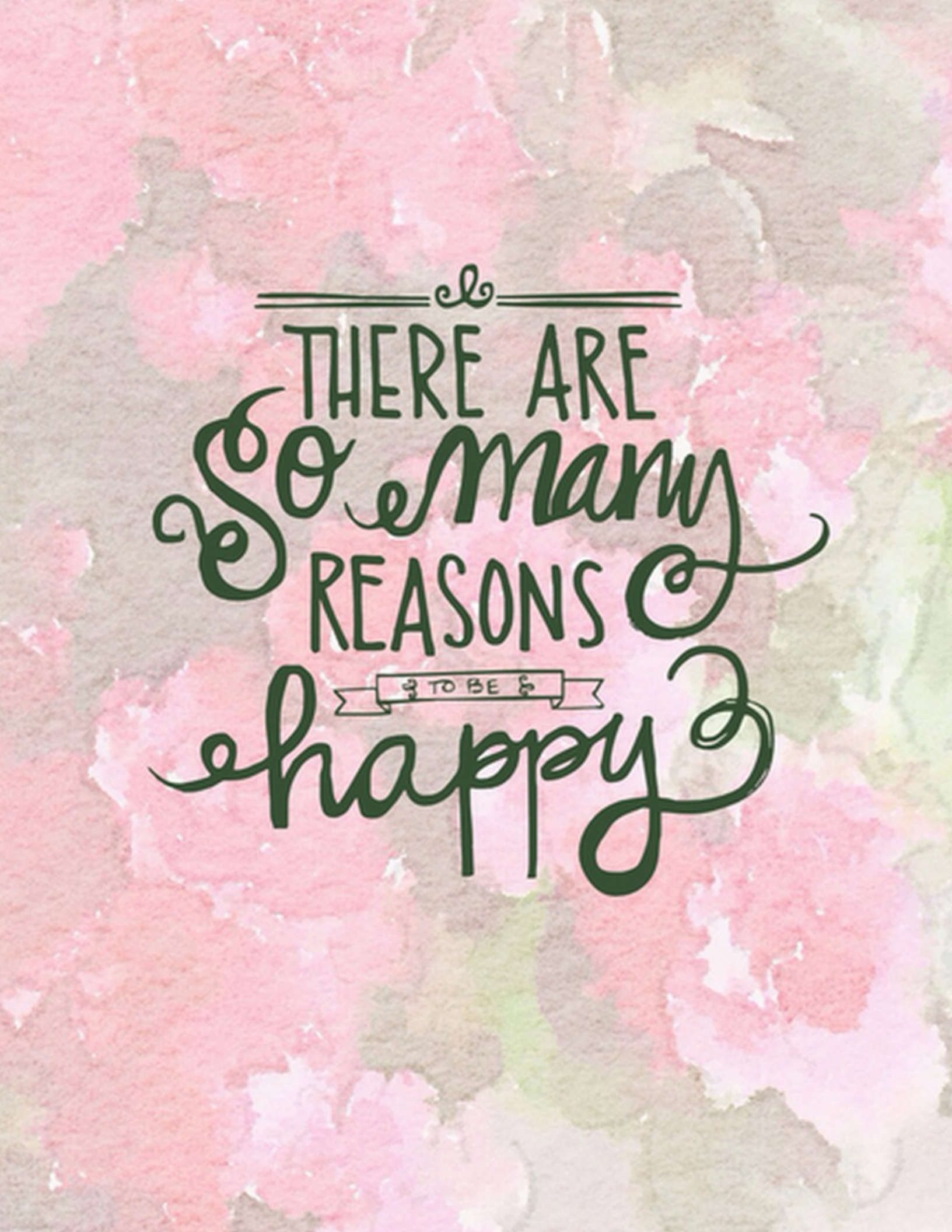
Her company enjoyable  
My smile returned  
Her personality loveable  
My regret overturned



Time passed  
Courage amassed  
Down on one knee  
Her eyes full of beauty  
Two words said  
Then we wed







THERE ARE  
SO MANY  
REASONS  
TO BE  
happy

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