

“A Short Little Diversion”  
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### Opening Narration

The narration of a life can play out to a rhythm familiar as the drone of an overhyped Top 40 ballad. That song playing on the radio, the harangue of all that must be done. But that exit just ahead, the invitation of a more enjoyable route to an inevitable destination, the promise of relief from a dreary commute; but as one Dexter Cummins will very soon find, a blue highway into the very heart of The Twilight Zone.

### Closing Narration

Dexter Cummins turned down a meandering side road in search of some welcome diversion from a boring commute. A pavement leading directly into a past that might have been, and a future that played as if a figment of some fevered imagination. That tune, the wail of a desperation, a chorus never imagined, now playing out as the theme song of his life. Such is the price of these short little diversions taken into The Twilight Zone.