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## Autobiography in 5 Short Chapters

by Portia Nelson

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## ACT 2

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#### ACT 3

I walk, down the street. there is a deep hole in the sidewalk. I see it is there. I still fall. It's a habit. My eyes are open. I know where I am. It is my fault. I get out immediately.

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