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Past vs. Present

The world was dark, the room quiet
the only light emitting from a half-charged laptop that was trying to
connect
a single voice sang happily, "Good morning everyone. Let's start by
taking attendance. Make sure your cameras are on and I can see you."
That was my sophomore year

Now we're in the future
the world still dark, the room still quiet
but now there's a light emitting from the closet where my uniforms
are
kept
and when that light goes out, there are lights emitting from my bus'
headlights
and when those go out there are lights emitting from my lively school
building
from the SMART boards broadcasting morning announcements
from students' phones as they take pictures with
their
friends.

It's easy to miss something when you no longer have it.
easy to miss the faces of friends and teachers - those of which
you've known for years or mere minutes
easy to miss getting answers in the moment compared to waiting..
...for the email..
...to be sent, read..
...and replied to..

It's easy to miss the little things you never *really* noticed until
they're no longer to be noticed anymore

Luckily, this no longer my reality
only a past we are moving away from

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that will one day be stories we tell our kids as they read about them
in history classes