



Emily – Act 3

Can you remember any of the details of your twelfth year birthday? Would you go back in time (if you could) and live that day over again? Do you think you would be happy, sad, surprised, or disappointed?

Thornton Wilder won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1938 with his play titled *Our Town*.<sup>1</sup> “The play tells the story of the fictional American small town of Grover’s Corners between 1901 and 1913 through the everyday lives of its citizens.”

In this play, Paul Newman is the stage manager and Maggie Lacey plays Emily Webb who carries the message and meaning of Wilder’s general ideas.

The subject is “Life and death in an American small town.”

A couple of lines:

“...in our town we like to know the facts about everybody.”

“You’ve got to love life to have life, and you’ve got to have life to love life.”

“...people were made to live two-by-two.”



“Do any human beings ever realize life while they live it? every, every minute?”

“They don’t understand, do they?”

For the third act, don’t miss a minute...and hang on - This play is scored high in the “living” column.

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<sup>1</sup> *Our Town* – YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irlfcl8NYB4> (1:51:38) Showtime Networks.