

BEGINNING DAY 2021

1. We are expectant awaiting

“In reality, we are all waiting [...] The company that we keep serves to distract us from our various expectations, from the unstable emptiness created by the temptation to silence our awaiting. [...] Even submerged in water, one cannot run from solitude and expectation. [...] What must happen, therefore? [...] We are all restless, those who are seated and those who are laying down, some are even contorted, and within us there is an emptiness, an expectation that shakes us, viscerally.” (C. Pavese, “Piscina Feriale”, July 21, 1941, later in *Feria d’agosto*, translation ours).

We begin again, each one of us with his personal share of expectations and fears. There are those of us who are sick of the safety measures in place where we live; there are also those who would have preferred to stay in the comfort zone that the time of lockdown provided and protected so carefully. With eyes that are still filled with the beauty seen during the summer vacation, or eyes already a bit foggy from daily life...

**And you, what do you expect from this beginning?
What does it mean for you to “begin again”?**

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