



Exit Ticket #31

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Read the excerpt below from page 139, then answer the question that follows.

“But as I play a run of notes with my right hand, I forget the way Butler played—I forget everything. I hum the missing G and things begin to drift—or maybe rise is more like it.

Yeah, rise.

It’s like letting a balloon go, only I’m the balloon. The higher I go, the more I see, and the more I see, the smaller it all seems: Dad and Mom, Duane, Jemmie, the war. Playing music is like the Big Nothing, only opposite.

The Big Something.”

How is Justin changing at this point in the novel? What is causing the change?
