

A minute

I would like to sit
Just for a minute
Without needing to get up
To let out the dog
Or find this one's leggings
Or show that one that the onions
Are in the very spot I described.

I would like not to move
Just to sit in one place
To finish my writing
Or get to the end of a newspaper article

If you want to empty the dishwasher right this minute
Go ahead.
If you want to vacuum the kitchen
Be my guest.
But let me just sit.
Just for a minute
Let me enjoy my time as I like
And not be a slave to your whims.

When this lockdown is over
And I am forced to listen to lists of achievements
I will lament that I did not sit for a minute
And finish what I started.

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