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Soon, the World War II generation will be gone. When they go, we have lost our ^{At that point will} direct tangible connection to a time in America when ^{some} extraordinary changes took place, ^{changes} changes, which, ~~if we can learn anything from them~~, ^{which} could ^{maybe} inform the decisions we face today, ^{might give an example to} and perhaps, make a difference as to whether or not we will get to see tomorrow.

Growing up with a father from the Great Generation, ^{the term he finds a little too self-serving} gave me a ^{did give me} crisp sense of what the world was like when he was a child in the 1920's and 30's, ^{as much as love of the south} then one might get from a grandparent. So, as I've had the good fortune of solid relations with my father, I thought a dialogue between the two of us ^{might} could ^{explore} potentially be a way to share, with all those who care to know them, some of the insights

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What came out of this is essentially his advice to my generation as we begin to come into our own and realize the share of weight we must carry in helping to pass history onto every generation to follow.

~~I hope you enjoy it.~~

- John Buffalo Mailer

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