

Clocking the Memory

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A second goes by, making a second of memory; a decade goes by and creates years of memories. Sitting across the State House of Massachusetts, the clock tower witnessed the historical evolution here in Boston, clocking every eventful change. Tic Tok...the Colonial State House transformed to the State House of Massachusetts under Bulfinch's work, shifted the wooden dome to copper and stones, then refreshed to gold, despite a period of darkness during World War II. But little do people know, with twelve hours of the time difference, a clock was fulfilling the same job on the opposite side of the globe. By the side of West Changan Street in Beijing, a building arose in the 50s, with a turret clock, belling hourly ever since. Tic Tok...it ringed from the Cultural Revolution to the Tiananmen Square Protest, to the 2008 Summer Olympics, and to the pandemic. They locate differently yet function the same nonetheless – Beijing to Boston is the journey from hometown to a new settlement, clocking from my past ceaselessly to the future.