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## Anger To Ache

**Directions:** Read the passage carefully, paying attention to one character's changing tone. Notice moments where the character's emotions or attitude shift. Highlight or underline words that reveal these tone changes. Explain what triggers each shift and how it affects the conversation.



### "Dinner Debate"

The clinking of silverware was the only sound at first. Then, Leo's fork dropped. "So, I guess no one's going to mention that I got into the art show?" he said, voice sharp with irritation. His mother looked up. "We're proud of you, Leo. We were waiting for the right moment."

"The right moment?" Leo's tone softened, just for a second. "I worked for months. I thought you'd—" He stopped himself and sighed. "Never mind." His father cleared his throat. "We didn't mean to ignore you, son. We've just had a lot going on."

Leo's face tightened again. "There's *always* something going on," he snapped. "Guess I'll just celebrate by myself." He pushed back his chair, voice trembling now—not with anger, but hurt.

1. Identify two moments where Leo's tone changes.
2. What words or actions reveal each shift?
3. What triggers each change in tone?
4. How does Leo's shifting tone help reveal his character's deeper feelings?