

How to Remember Important Things

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Save the whales. Save the dolphins. Save the bored housewives.
Save my hands, so often cupped over the sorrow in
being alive. Save the beautiful made-up cherries of delight
I feel everywhere in your presence. Save the sprawling
landscapes

of late night cafeterias of the mind. Save the often
forgotten radios of our flying dreams. Save the hand-printed love

letters of early morning light. Save the inexhaustible curiosity of
a small interior poem of silence. Save the naked air.
Save the Spanish tongue of Neruda. Save the sparkle in
the brushstrokes of a Picasso. Save storm and the rainbow.

Save the North Sea. Save shadows. Save all hearts from
beginning to break again. Save the ripped apart sky from
the rain of so many angry bombs leaking inside. Save
the secret handshake. Save the Pandas. Save the sea turtles.
Save the roses. Save the last dance. Save the sailing
boats and floating planes of melting romance. Save whatever
makes

no sense. Save this feeling. Save the butterflies with passionate,
provocative kisses. Save the question of imagination. Save the
end

of the poem until you really need it. Save the
world from itself. Save your wild goodbyes. Save every word.

