

## Artful Endings, Audrey Hazekamp

### Resources

**David Wilcox (song), "Start With The Ending"**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OwTiPQKaT3M>

### Books:

**The Good Death: A Guide for Supporting Your Loved One through the End of Life**  
by Suzanne B. O'Brien RN RN and Little, Brown Spark

Ben Purkert's poetry collection *For the Love of Endings*

**Life is in the Transitions** by Bruce Feller

### Videos:

**Andrea Gibson** (poet): "When Death Came to Visit"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tng4DVkTWb8>

"Love Letter From the Afterlife"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXSu\\_qm8mk8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXSu_qm8mk8)

### Poems:

AT THE END OF THE YEAR

As this year draws to its end, We give thanks for the gifts it brought And how they became inlaid within  
Where neither time nor tide can touch them.

Days when beloved faces shone brighter With light from beyond themselves;  
And from the granite of some secret sorrow  
A stream of buried tears loosened.

We bless this year for all we learned, For all we loved and lost  
And for the quiet way it brought us Nearer to our invisible destination.

John O'Donohue

Excerpt from 'At the End of the Year'  
BENEDICTUS (Europe) / TO BLESS THE SPACE BETWEEN US

....May we have the courage to take the step Into the unknown that beckons us; Trust that a richer life awaits us there, That we will lose nothing But what has already died; Feel the deeper knowing in us sure Of all that is about to be born beyond The pale frames where we stayed confined

John O'Donohue - an excerpt from "A Blessing for the Time of Necessary Decision."

A variety of pop songs:

- "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)" by Green Day: A nostalgic look at the end of a time, often used to mark milestones.
- "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" by Elton John: A song about leaving behind a fantasy life and returning to reality.
- "We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together" by Taylor Swift: An upbeat and definitive breakup song.
- "Since U Been Gone" by Kelly Clarkson: A post-breakup anthem of liberation.
- "Tears in Heaven" by Eric Clapton: A mournful song written about the loss of his son.
- "Landslide" by Fleetwood Mac: A song about change, getting older, and the end of a particular phase of life.
- "Bye Bye Bye" by \*NSYNC: An energetic breakup song with a strong, final message.

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## LET IT DIE

Let it die  
Let it go until the last gasping breaths have settled  
until the final shreds of confetti have landed  
and all tears have been shed,  
unveiling deep laughter and gratitude pouring through  
overwhelming any gripping gripe  
nor argument to hold to what was

Let it die  
until it's clear that the soul's exodus is complete  
until freedom reigns  
and a blossom of new heart has begun to reveal  
in whispers of presence  
that awaken from inside  
letting die the leftovers  
completing all that has been  
until the party becomes for what is now.

~Audrey Hazekamp