

What We Talk About When We Talk About Death

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I don't know what to say.
I'm sorry.
I don't know the words.
I can't find the words.
Words fail me.
I'm speechless.

The thing is.
That's him. That's him away.
He's pushing up the daisies.
He dropped off his perch.
He kicked the bucket.
He Popped his clogs.
He signed the cheque.
He checked out.
He checked in
With the Big Yin.
What I mean is.
He's gone to sleep.
He's not coming back.
I mean he's not waking up.
It's not like that.
He's gone to sleep but he's not waking up. It's not that type of sleep.
A long sleep.
The big sleep the big sleep that's what it is.

No what it is is be brave.
Be fearless have the courage to

I don't know what to say.
My words have all flown away.
She's lost.
We lost her.
She lost the battle.
The battle is over but the war is won.
I mean the war is lost.
No the battle is lost.
What I mean
She didn't win.
I mean she lost.
We tried we prayed.
She couldn't be saved.



Listen. Listen. Right.

So...listen.

He's more comfortable now.
And do you know how?
He's at peace. He's not in any pain.
I'm the same it happened to me and my...
You see?
Sorry it's not about me.

I'm just trying to find the right way.
How do you find the words to say
He passed away
He passed over
He crossed over
He crossed over to the other side
He Left the building
He's No longer here
He Expired
He Left us
He's Not coming back

No I'm just sayin
Right Let me try this again

I mean She's gone to meet her maker
I mean She's gone to heaven
I mean she's Gone upstairs
I mean She's gone to a better place.
I mean She's gone to be with the Angels.
I mean She's gone to be with Granny.
With Aunty with Flopsy and Topsy
She's brown bread, she's pan bread, she's Right Said Fred
That wasn't one of mine, I just heard that somebody else said that one. I would never no I
didn't I would never be so flippant.

How do you find the words to say.
Honestly?

Silence is fine.

For some time.
It's okay.
Not to say.
But then again
You know...
Don't shy away.

I don't know what to do

Why don't you tell me about you.

