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# The Rainbow Bridge

**A gentle guide to remembrance, meaning, and  
one small ritual for the companion you love.**

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**They were never ‘just a pet.’**



BEGIN WHERE YOU ARE

# This is not homework.

**It is a quiet place to remember one real relationship.**

*Use it your way*

**Read one page. Write one line. Sit with one photograph. Stop whenever you need to.**

THIS GUIDE IS FOR

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*The newly bereaved*

**When the house feels unfamiliar and the final days are too close.**

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*The long remembering*

**For anniversaries, old photographs, and a name you still say.**

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*Someone who cares*

**To sit beside a grieving person without trying to fix their love.**

# Three movements of love

**Many readers find comfort in a simple emotional arc—not a rule about what anyone must believe.**



RESTORATION



REMEMBRANCE



REUNION

## RESTORATION

**Beyond pain and the final difficult days.**

## REMEMBRANCE

**The ordinary details that still belong to them.**

## REUNION

**A spiritual hope—or a symbol that love is not erased.**



## 01 · RESTORATION

Remember the whole  
life—not only the ending.

**Illness and age can become the loudest  
memories. Gently make room for movement,  
appetite, mischief, and ease.**

*A memory to retrieve*

**Picture one moment when your companion  
was completely themselves. Where were  
they? What were they doing?**

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# Love becomes specific.

**Not only in milestones, but in the tiny details  
no one else could have invented.**

## *THE SOUND*

**A bark, sigh, collar jingle, or paws on the floor.**

## *THE HABIT*

**Something they did so often you expected it  
without thinking.**

## *THE PLACE*

**A bed, window, patch of sun, or spot beside  
you.**

## *THE LOOK*

**The expression that meant something only you  
understood.**

**Specific memories protect a life from being  
reduced to its final day.**

Hope may be literal.  
It may also be a metaphor.

**You do not have to decide today.**

**For some people, the Rainbow Bridge expresses faith in meeting again. For others, it names a relationship that continues through memory, values, routines, and love.**

Keep these words, change them, or write your own below.

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*A sentence to keep*

**“Whatever comes  
after, what we  
shared was real.”**

# Give their story a place to live.

**Write only what feels true today. Save this page, fold it into a memory box, or share it with someone who knew them.**

PLACE A FAVORITE PHOTO HERE

Their name

*What made them unmistakably them?*

A sound, expression, habit, or way of asking for love.

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*One ordinary memory I want to keep*

The day does not need to be important. It only needs to be yours.

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*Thank you for...*

Complete the sentence in your own words.

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Their life was larger than their last day.

Let this page hold one piece of the whole story.

# A small ritual for a very real bond

**No special words are required. Pause whenever you need to.**

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## SETTLE

**Place a photograph, collar, or name in front of you. Take one slow breath.**

2

## SAY THEIR NAME

**Aloud or silently. Let the name be enough.**

3

## REMEMBER

**Choose one small detail from the previous pages.**

4

## THANK

**Say: "Thank you for being part of my life." Change the words if you wish.**

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## CLOSE

**Extinguish the candle or put the object away with care. Drink some water.**



You do not have to grieve alone.

Read the complete Rainbow Bridge resource

[petloss.net/rainbow-bridge-poem/](https://petloss.net/rainbow-bridge-poem/)

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