

# The Promise

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If I had nothing to my name  
But photographs of you  
Rescued from the flames  
That is all I would ever need  
As long as I can read  
What's written on your face  
The strength that shines  
Behind your eyes  
The hope and light  
That will never die. And one promise you made  
One promise that always remains  
No matter the price  
A promise to survive  
Persevere and thrive  
As we've always done.  
And you said  
"The poison in a kiss  
Is the lie upon the lips"  
Truer words were never shared  
When I feel  
Like lies are all I hear  
I pull my memories near  
The one thing they can't take. And one promise you made  
One promise that always remains  
No matter the price  
A promise to survive  
Persevere and thrive  
As we've always done.  
The books still open  
on the table  
The bells still ringing  
in the air  
The dreams still clinging  
to the pillow  
The songs still singing  
in a prayer. Now my soul  
Is stretching through the roots  
to memories of you  
Back through time and space  
to carry home  
The faces and the names  
And these photographs of you

Rescued from the flames. And one promise you made  
One promise that always remains  
No matter the price  
A promise to survive  
Persevere and thrive  
And dare to rise once more  
A promise to survive  
Persevere and thrive  
And fill the world with life  
As we've always done.

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