

Give me something that
stays right where
I left it.

Give me time on a wrist watch
Chapters marked with
satin ribbons.

Give me letters looped with
black scratches on
yellowed paper.

Give me recipe cards splatter-
stained and dog-eared
cookbooks, powdered with
flour and cocoa and
birthday cakes past.

Give me memories stowed
away in shoeboxes, of
ferry rides, and rainy day
visits to the museum.

Right where
I left them.