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## **Abstract**

In lieu of an abstract, below is the essay's first paragraph.

"Taking after my mother now, I save receipts in the center billfold of my wallet. Loose change, half empty tubes of lipstick, gum wrappers. Postcards, photographs in albums, birthday cards, yearbooks signed by forgotten friends."

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### **ALL THE THINGS I CAN'T THROW AWAY** AFTER *WHAT I SAVE* BY CHERYL SAVANGEAU

Taking after my mother now, I save receipts in the center billfold of my wallet. Loose change, half empty tubes of lipstick, gum wrappers. Postcards, photographs in albums, birthday cards, yearbooks signed by forgotten friends. I save trophies, hair ribbons, newspaper clippings, patches for my jacket. I save clothes that no longer fit, shoes with worn heels, VHS tapes, Barbie dolls still in boxes, teddy bears. Books and board games. Dried flowers and tears. I save cool vanilla custard on my lips. I save the taste of grandmother's food, covered in garlic and fresh basil from the yard. I save the taste of a lover's kiss. I save his lips, his blue eyes. I save the sound of the lake rushing the shore, the grained sand between my toes, the heat of the sun hitting my skin.

I save the lit candle inside me  
that will never blow out.



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