

# I Thought I Never Would Forget

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I went back in time today a box I thought  
I'd thrown away  
Had fallen off the basement shelf,  
I tripped and almost hurt myself  
Scattered there across the floor  
A New Year's Eve hat from '94  
Ticket stubs to Billy Joel and pictures  
From the Sugar Bowl  
Some of these souvenirs I remember  
Mostly I don't  
It's funny how time reduces a keepsake  
To a footnote

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So much then  
Have gracefully moved along  
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Here's us dancing on your birthday  
July 29th or 28th  
The song was "Always and Forever,"  
I'm not sure but I remember  
That's the night we first made love  
The passion captured both of us  
It held us, then it set us free,  
This is all that's left of you and me  
A cardboard treasure chest with a diary  
Of two lovers  
Now it's a dusty old box no different  
From the others

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