

## Try Not to Breathe

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I will try not to breathe.  
I can hold my head still with my hands at my knees.  
These eyes are the eyes of the old, shiver and fold.  
I will try not to breathe.  
This decision is mine. I have lived a full life  
And these are the eyes that I want you to remember. Oh.

I need something to fly over my grave again.  
I need something to breathe.  
I will try not to burden you.  
I can hold these inside. I will hold my breath  
Until all these shivers subside,  
Just look in my eyes.

I will try not to worry you.  
I have seen things that you will never see.  
Leave it to memory me. I shudder to breathe.  
I want you to remember. Oh. (you will never see)  
I need something to fly (something to fly)  
Over my grave again. (you will never see)

I need something to breathe. (something to breathe)  
Baby, don't shiver now.  
Why do you shiver now? (I will see things you will never see)  
I need something to fly (something to fly)  
Over my grave again. (I will see things you will never see)  
I need something to breathe. Oh. Oh. Oh.

I will try not to worry you.  
I have seen things that you will never see.  
Leave it to memory me. Don't dare me to breathe.  
I want you to remember. Oh. (you will never see)  
I need something to fly (something to fly)  
Over my grave again. (you will never see)

I need something to breathe. (something to breathe)  
Baby, don't shiver now.  
Why do you shiver now? (I will see things you will never see)  
I need something to breathe. (something to breathe - I have seen things you will never see)  
I want you to remember.