

# betty remembers

My world \_\_\_\_\_ England, California, India, and now \_\_\_\_\_ in this **little apartment**. I live on the second floor, and I'm just not able to \_\_\_\_\_ the stairs. \_\_\_\_\_ five or six years \_\_\_\_\_ out, maybe more. I used to go out \_\_\_\_\_ -- I \_\_\_\_\_ a theater play, dance \_\_\_\_\_, **concerts**, or I'd \_\_\_\_\_ place. Well, \_\_\_\_\_.

I came to New York \_\_\_\_\_ act and dance and maybe **make it big** \_\_\_\_\_. I never thought \_\_\_\_\_ able to \_\_\_\_\_. It all started \_\_\_\_\_ in the street one day and \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ out there again. That day I had **an appointment** with my eye doctor and I \_\_\_\_\_ 23rd and Eighth Avenue to catch the bus.

I \_\_\_\_\_ the street and then \_\_\_\_\_ I thought \_\_\_\_\_ **back**; I won't \_\_\_\_\_. I \_\_\_\_\_ and my chin \_\_\_\_\_ the ground. I was a little **afraid** \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ "Now, I \_\_\_\_\_ inside. I feel \_\_\_\_\_ here. I'm \_\_\_\_\_.

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During the week, I get up before **the girl** \_\_\_\_\_ here. Sometimes I sweep and dust but I always \_\_\_\_\_ she doesn't \_\_\_\_\_ she'd \_\_\_\_\_. I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ it, you know. My **daughter** \_\_\_\_\_ me that I'll fall and break an \_\_\_\_\_ or a \_\_\_\_\_. But if I \_\_\_\_\_ her, \_\_\_\_\_ **nothing** \_\_\_\_\_ do. \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ watch **TV**. But now I'm \_\_\_\_\_ blind.

I hear better than I see, but I don't hear \_\_\_\_\_ well. Jennifer, the lady who comes to help, reads me the news each week. I've \_\_\_\_\_ started \_\_\_\_\_ my **life story** -- well, Jennifer's \_\_\_\_\_ writes it down, I just sit here \_\_\_\_\_ things that \_\_\_\_\_ me.

\_\_\_\_\_, I sit **remembering**. Some of it \_\_\_\_\_ me very happy. Some makes me \_\_\_\_\_ sad; certain things didn't happen \_\_\_\_\_ I hoped they \_\_\_\_\_. I never \_\_\_\_\_ feel lonely, but this **Christmas** I didn't get \_\_\_\_\_ from six of my friends who \_\_\_\_\_ them every year. They have probably **died**. The outside world is starting to feel very \_\_\_\_\_.