

THE LISTMAKER'S MASTER LIST

Things to do no matter what
Things to do if I have time
Things to do badly if at all
Things to do when I've done everything else
Things to get someone else to do
Things to think about
Things to worry about
Things to fantasize about
Things to complain about
Things to be grateful for
Things to gloat about
Things to puzzle over
Things to plan
Things to postpone
Things to regret
Things to change
Things to learn
Things to leave alone
Things to buy
Things to buy only if they're on sale
Things to buy if I find them at a garage sale
Things to get rid of to make room for things to buy
Things to repair
Things to have someone else repair
Things to tolerate in disrepair
Books to read
Books I'll never read
Books to buy and maybe read
Books to have handy in case I break a leg
Books the children ought to read
Letters I want to write
Letters I ought to write
Letters I don't need to write if I call
People to attend to
People to avoid
People to forgive
People to forego
People to applaud
People who gladden my heart

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A Blessing:

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us, so be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And may the divine mystery, who is beyond our ability to know, but Who made, you who loves you and who travels the way with you, bless you and keep you in peace. Amen

(adapted from a poem of Henri-Frederic Amiel)