the phone is ringing as i dig for a pen. i change my face and a nswer and then, grope and sputter for the right thing to say. t o earn another week, "see given time i can pay." what aout the bills, what about the rent? what about the days in the park you never spent? i wonder whats the use, i need time to have a pur pose. my treasure maps been on the shelf for so long. its not m y choice and thats whats so wrong. our time together a receipt in her purse, one makes up the other and that makes it worse. w hat about the streets, what about the crowd? what about the sim ple existence you avowed? what about the words written on her f ace. what about your promise to leave this place? not alive, js ut living. when we're dont packing and i crawl in the van, i'll smash the phone just as fast as i can. i cant remember when i didnt know about lones and touch tone phones. it wasnt that lon q ago. what about those feelings, what about that touch? what a bout the little things that used to mean so much? what about my hopes, what about my fear? what about my heart that wont produ ce tears anymore?