

What a Gazan Should Do During an Israeli Air Strike

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a poem

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Turn off the lights in every room / sit in the inner
hallway of the house / away from the windows / stay
away from the stove / stop thinking about making
black tea / have a bottle of water nearby / big enough
to cool down / children's fear / get a child's
kindergarten backpack and stuff / tiny toys and
whatever amount of money there is / and the ID
cards / and photos of late grandparents, aunts, or
uncles / and the grandparents' wedding invitation
that's been kept for a long time / and if you are a
farmer, you should put some strawberry seeds / in
one pocket / and some soil from / the balcony
flowerpot in the other / and hold on tight / to
whatever number there was / on the cake / from the
last birthday.