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## NOSTOS ALGOS

### WHAT TAKES YOU BACK?

Knitting needles  
Dreams of fields  
A rusted rake  
The thrill of speed  
Anything can unlock a memory.

On 2 August, 2010, GRANTA magazine is launching **nostos-algos.com**, a viral art project made of words: your own and those from the GRANTA Online Archive. The word 'nostalgia' comes from the Greek words *nostos* ('a homecoming') and *algos* ('pain, grief, distress'). We have all known the desire to return to another place or time, and the feeling of being unable to truly go back. **Nostos Algos** is a collective exercise in bringing the past into the present and making it part of a shared experience with fellow users and the imaginations of GRANTA's famed writers. After you post your memory, it will appear in a live feed and be matched to an extract from our Online Archive. Alongside your musings will appear words from **Doris Lessing, Arthur Miller, Ryszard Kapuscinski** and many other distinguished authors.

**Nostos Algos** was inspired by the themes of memory, identity, and cultural integration in GRANTA 111: *Going Back* (out now) and the 12 July launch of the GRANTA Online Archive.

It joins [www.ThisIsNotAPurse.com](http://www.ThisIsNotAPurse.com), which presents wordless short films inspired by pieces from GRANTA 110: *Sex*.

To participate in **Nostos Algos**, please visit [www.nostos-algos.com](http://www.nostos-algos.com)

1. Enter your thoughts on what takes you back.
2. Read the literary match to your words, and follow them to the Online Archive.
3. Share your post with a friend – via email, Facebook, or Twitter.

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