The Beginning of Memory

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There's a story in an ancient play about birds called The Birds
And it's a short story from before the world began
From a time when there was no earth, no land.
Only air and birds everywhere.But the thing was there was no place to land.
Because there was no land.
So they just circled around and around.
Because this was before the world began.And the sound was deafening. Songbirds were everywhere.
Billions and billions and billions of birds.And one of these birds was a lark and one day her father died.
And this was a really big problem because what should they do with the body?
There was no place to put the body because there was no earth.And finally the lark had a solution.
She decided to bury her father in the back if her own head.
And this was the beginning of memory.
Because before this no one could remember a thing.
They were just constantly flying in circles.
Constantly flying in huge circles.

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