

Housework

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I've been waiting for you to come through that door, dear
Your whereabouts tonight I do not know
The house is nice and clean
The wineglasses they gleam
The candles on the table cast their glow
I finished cooking dinner an hour ago

I've been listening for the sound of your step, darling
Hoping that I hear it on the stair
You've been gone all day
I hate when you're away
Don't worry though, I've hoovered everywhere
Just to prove to you I really -

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Don't worry, sweetheart, I did all the shopping
While I was out I dropped off your blouse
I paid all the bills
And I picked up your pills

Mustn't grumble, no I shouldn't grouse
Your heart's here though you're nowhere near this house

I've been wondering when you'll come home, baby
I'm paranoid you're with another guy
You said I was your man
The bathroom's spick and span
I even cleaned the mirror, that's no lie
As I did a tear came to my -

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I pray you haven't gone and left me, bum fluff
If you did, I don't know what I'd do
Herein lies the rub
I even did the tub
You treat me like a dog, a worn out shoe
I got down on all fours, dear, just for -

[I've been washing dishes]