

# Housewife's Alphabet

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A is for altar where we go astray  
Be for the bills that begin the next day  
See for the cuffs and the collars of shirts  
D is for dishes and dusting and dirt

E is my energy draining away  
And F is for floors to be swept every day  
G for girlhood that's gawky and gone  
And a H fed up housewife that's singing this song

Wearily, it's merely a good woman's day  
Cooking and cleaning and tidying away  
If ever you finish, remember that when  
You wake up tomorrow, it all starts again

I is for ironing for kids in their teens  
J is for jerseys and jumpers and jeans  
K for the kitchen for years upon end  
I've lived with left overs and laundry for friends

M is my mending, there's mile upon mile  
N for the nappies in a big stinking pile  
O for the odd jobs, the odd one or two  
Like pushing the pram or unplugging the loo

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Q is for quarreling of chicks in my nest  
Are is for referee and a one minute rest  
S for the shopping in snow, sleet or rain  
And T for that toilet, it's stopped up again

U is for underwear, grimy and soiled  
V for those things that you peel, chop and boil  
W for woman and washing machine  
We both need attention, you know what I mean

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We've got no union, it's eight days a week  
They're crammed into seven, I'm out on my feet  
So much to do, where should I begin?  
But I got all my lifetime to finish it in

W for wings, if I had them I'd fly  
X marks the spot where I sit down and cry  
Why Z for yours truly, I've gone on too long  
And so has the system and so has this song

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If this song was household you'd sing it and then  
You'd go back where you started and sing it again  
Again and again and again and again