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## A Woman's Work

Some years back I was feeling a bit down, & these words came to Me...

A woman's work is never done, that's how the saying goes. I wished that I had trained my lot, & kept them on their toes. They drop things here, they leave things there, they never seem to mind it. 'Til they lose a sock or pen, & yell "I cannot find it." They never notice what I do, 'til one day I don't

do it. Then my dear, the air is blue, it seems that I have blew it.

I then sat thinking over my own childhood...... hmmmm...was I the perfect child? Don't think so..... then I wrote the rest below

I remember long ago When I was just a kid, I never seem to care too much what my mother did.

She had more kids than I did, my god how did she cope.

She never seemed to have the time to sit around and mope. She had a harder life than me, of that I'm very sure. No modern cons to keep her free from the family she bore.

It's washing day, she's at the sink, the scrubbing board is there. She scrubs away the whole long day...it seems without a care. The songs she sings are beautiful, the 'oldies' are the best. 'You'll Never Know'.... "These Foolish thing'.... 'Always', & the rest. I love you Rosie darling, & it's sad you had to wait 'Til my kids to have grown, for me to have known That I didn't appreciate, the heartaches that you suffered, for the joys of motherhood I'd make it up a thousand times if only that I could

A woman's work is never done, the heartaches & the pain. If we had our lives to live over, we'd do it all again.