Make a List

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She has lists of lists:
    What to do before breakfast.
    Things to accomplish by lunch.
    Musts by dinner.
    Ways to relax before bed.
    Christmas presents to buy now!

She has her curlers
in her hair so often
that you’d swear
she has a pink tint
or was meant by the stars
to be a hairdresser.

At the top of tomorrow’s list:
    Make all lists for next week.

In the end,
her dinner gets cooked,
her husband’s shirts are mended,
and the kids’ toys are put away.

But her hair remains in curlers,
she never buys that new dress,
and the lists keep coming
on and on.