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Chores

Iron underwear?
My mother did.
One day each week.
Sheets kept damp
In a plastic bag
In the refrigerator
Until the day.

Monday.
All the bed linens
Stripped and replaced.
Fresh sheets ironed
Last Friday
From the plastic bag
In the refrigerator.

Dishes cleared
Within minutes
Of the last bite
At the dinner table.
Washed, dried
Put away.
Tidy up a bit.

Chores done first.
Orderly, completely.
Plans made
For tomorrow's chores.
Play?
Only if planned
And chores completed.

Planned.
Ordered.
Died.
Four years later,
Same time as him,
Same day as him.
Resting now.
No more chores.