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by Roy Rasera

Today it is time to do laundry
My clothes are gathered together
Separated darks, lights, whites
Moving towards the machine
I raise the lid to begin the chore
and catch my breath

There you are
Balanced on the central post
Encased in a yellow envelope
Sending my senses spinning
Like so many unbalanced tumble dryers

What a joy to know that you are thinking of me
Even during the mundane actions of daily existence
Just reading your words pulls me apart
And rebuilds me, a better man

My time with you was as an iron,
pressed on my crumpled life,
burning and smoothing
heating and soothing
Inhibitions and insecurities carried
away in billows of steam
And I, more connected and directed
preened for pleasure
dressed as if blessed
Clasp your thoughts to my heart

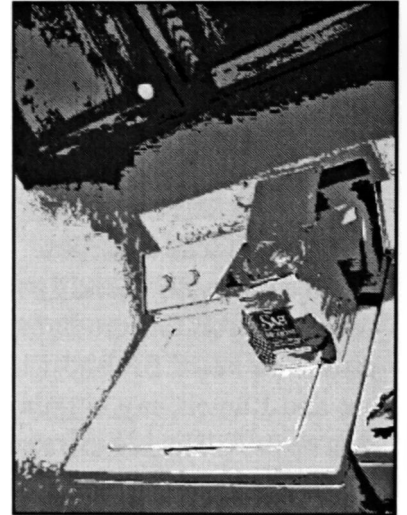


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