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Rules for Houseguests

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If you'd like to stay,
Sleep in my house for a while,
Here's a short list of rules
That I'd like you to follow.
These rules are fair
I'm sure you'll agree -
But if they are broken,
You won't stay with me.
Many guests have come and gone, in all the years I've known
And it seems to work quite well when they leave each to his own
So if you happen on other guests, quite different from your kind
Give them room, share my food, don't put them in a bind.
I will be kind to you, provide you what you need
So do not try to hurt me because of wealth or greed.
I'll find a place for you to live, a place to break your bread
And always I'll have ample space for you to rest your head.
But if you run from what I give, in pride or hate or fear,
Then soon you'll find there'll be no room for those of your kind here
And once you turn away from me and all I aim to give
You'll find too late that in this life there's
Nowhere else to live.