

Housework

Loudon Wainwright III (1995)

C F C
I've been waiting for you to come through that door dear

F G
Your whereabouts tonight I do not know

F C E7 Am
The house is nice and clean, the wine glasses they gleam,

C G7
The candles on the table cast their glow

C G
I finished cooking dinner an hour ago

I've been listening for the sound of your step darling
Hoping that I hear it on the stair
You've been gone all day—I hate when you're away—
Don't worry though, I've hoovered everywhere
Just to prove to you I really—

E7 F C G7
I've been washing dishes all the livelong day

E7 F D7 G
I've been making wishes you'll come home and stay

Don't worry sweetheart, I did all the shopping
While I was out I dropped off your blouse
I paid all the bills and I picked up your pills
Mustn't grumble, no I shouldn't grouse
Your heart's here though you're nowhere near this house

I've been wondering when you'll come home baby
And I'm paranoid you're with another guy
You said I was your man—the bathroom's spick and span
I even cleaned the mirror, that's no lie
As I did, a tear came to my—*I've been washing dishes [etc]*

I pray you haven't gone and left me bumfluff
If you did I don't know what I'd do
Herein lies the rub: I even did the tub
You treat me like a dog, a worn-out shoe
I got down on all fours dear just for—*I've been washing dishes...*