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**The List**

**Rhymes**

Ate: hate, fate, great, compensate

Ay: day, say, may, lay, way

Ane: mundane, pain, slain, remain, stain, again

Ash: ash, clash, flash, trash, slash

Ad: dad, glad, mad, sad, bad

En: darken, frighten, broken, problem, forgotten

Ess: less, confess

I: I, guy, lie, cry, try, dry, sigh, belie, why

Ide: lied, belied, side, pride

Ine: line, define

Ism: prism, euphemism, pessimism

Tion: action, emotion, sensation, expectation

Ow: follow, low, below

Ost: most, host

On: commons, demons

**The List**

I have a list of all things I hate  
I keep it to myself so that, one day,  
When my anger rages like waves,  
I will know why I feel this way.

First thing first, the rudeness of one's action  
Provokes me so much that my face darkens.  
The words, the gestures, the nonchalance in one's eyes,  
And the reasonings one refuses to listen.

Yes, you might have a bad day;  
Yes, you might not know that he lied;  
Yes, I know my work is never perfect,  
And I should put down my pride.  
But, please, when you pour forth all your criticism,  
Can you not see the sadness I've belied?

Then "Disrespect" and "Selfishness" follow,  
Two things that I dislike the most.  
It could be leaving bags on a library table  
Or failing to be a hospitable host.

When your belongings break out of your burrow  
And find their way to the commons,

When you rely on the janitor to clean your junk,  
Even "carelessness" is a euphemism:  
Yourself is the problem.

Last but not least, bolded and underlined,  
A concept that phrases can't define.  
When you say a x but do a y,  
When your actions do not accord with your words,  
Even though you had sworn to the lords,  
That you would do it,  
And I had believed it.

Sometimes it is done unintentionally:  
The previous promises were simply forgotten.  
But how dependable can one be,  
If their own words can be broken?

The list goes on and on,  
Spelling out each abominable behavior.  
Some are simple, only one word, "unpunctual,"  
While others elucidate the definition of traitor.

But the list is born for one alone,  
Who has written down her agony,  
Just so that she will never commit such things  
What she believes to be a felony.

I have a list of all things I hate.  
I keep it to myself so that, every day,  
I carefully avoid behaving in these ways,  
Not letting others feel the gloom, if I may.