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# Well-Wishing

*By Ilene Propp*

I ache with a life that has never belonged to me  
a home with a hearth,  
fresh laundry, and Irish linen  
Egyptian cotton sheets, and  
lace-white curtains.

The following year,  
my home has a hearth,  
inside it lies  
the finest linen,  
Egyptian cotton sheets on  
a queen-sized mattress, and  
lovely lace-white curtains  
in my kitchen.

But I ache with a life that has never belonged to me  
a home with a morning room,  
and a boudoir big enough for three.

So the following year,  
I build these things  
my home has a morning room,  
perfect for afternoon tea  
and a boudoir as vast and wide as the sea.

But I ache with a life that has never belonged to me,  
and I will spend the rest of my life  
wishing it away.