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"Because She Did"

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Though he doesn't smoke, right on the bedside table
Is an ashtray that he hasn't emptied yet.
And the chocolates she liked, still with a label
And a bookmark in the last book that she read
You may think that he is much too sentimental
And that he behaves just like a little kid
But the things she used to do help him remember
And he keeps on doing them because she did
He would leave the toothpaste tube without the top on
And he likes to leave a few hairs in the sink
And he will sit and watch her favorites on telly
While he seeps sweet wine just like she used to drink
He was never one for tidying up or cleaning
Now he even wipes inside the dustbin lid
Even ironing now has a special meaning
And he learned to fold his shirts because she did
He would still keep to his own side of the mirror
He can't bring himself to move her favorite chair
And he keeps her nightie still under the pillow
And he thinks that he can smell on it her hair
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But April's actions have new meaning in September
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