

**Shel Silverstein****"Sahra Cynthia Sylvia Stout Would Not Take&hellip;"**

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Oh Sahra Cynthia Sylvia Stout would not take the  
garbage out  
She'd wash the dishes and scrub the pans cook the  
yams and spice the hams  
And though her parents would scream and shout  
She simply would not take the garbage out  
And so it piled up to the ceilings coffee grounds potato  
peelings  
Brown bananas and rotten peas chunks of sour cottage  
cheese  
It filled the can it covered the floor it cracked the  
windows and blocked the door  
With bacon rinds and chicken bones drippy ends of  
icecream cones  
Prone pits peach pits orange peel gloppy glumps of  
cold oat meal  
Pizza crust and withered greens soggy beans and  
tangerines  
Crust of black burned buttered toast gristly bits of  
beefy roast  
The garbage rolled on down the hall it raised the roof it  
broke the walls  
I mean greesy napkins cookie crumbs blobs of goey  
bubble gum  
Cellophane from old baloney rubber blubbry macaroni  
Peanut butter caced and dry curdled off milk and  
crusts of pie  
Ridy melons dried up mustard eggs shells mixed with  
lemon custard  
Cold french fries and rancid meat yellow lumps of  
cream of wheat  
Uuh at last the garbage reached so high that finally it  
touched the sky  
And none of her friends would come to play and all the  
neighbors moved away  
And finally Sahra Cynthia Sylvia Stout said okay I'll take  
the garbage out  
But then of course it was too late the garbage reached  
across the state  
From New York to the Golden Gate and there in the  
garbage she did hate

Poor Sahra met an awful fate then I cannot right now  
relate  
Because the hour is much too late  
But children remember Sylvia Stout and always take  
the garbage out

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