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When company comes,
And I wallow,
And dread,
And lose hope.

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When company comes,
And I laugh,
And eat well,
And grow strong.

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