

## The Dinner Party

The prawns are out a defrosting  
The sauce has yet to be made  
Now where did I put the chicken?  
The table needs to be laid  
Why when I think I am ready  
There seems so much to be done  
The tablecloth really needs ironing  
The glasses match – other than one

Turn up the oven, let in the cat  
The vegetables are steaming well  
The cream won't whip, oh get down cat  
Too late! That can't be the bell.  
I must get a chance to change soon  
I'm really not looking my best  
Must first just clear up the kitchen  
Then I can leave all the rest

The white wine is now in the freezer  
The red has been opened – and spilled  
I've mopped up the worst with a cloth  
And the flan case hasn't been filled.  
Should I start pouring the sherry  
Or maybe the men prefer beer  
The candlelight looks quite effective  
The door, oh goodness, they're here.

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