

## Renee Norman

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### Where Did I Leave Me?

making my bed  
I smooth plastic undersheet  
protect adult mattress  
from leaky child-urine  
and regurgitated child-size dinners

remove the dangle bracelet  
and Barbie boots  
underneath folds of quilt

trip on purple-haired clear plastic  
see-through pink pony  
lying on the floor  
drop-kick kinky-haired  
white stuffed dog  
down the hall  
first freeing it  
from fierce bed wheels

clear ten videotapes  
with Disney-tale titles  
off tarnished silver dresser set

rearrange pile of new children's literature  
awaiting bedtime storytime  
add another small torn spring skirt  
to sewing basket  
still holding  
waiting winterwear wearing out

glance in mirror  
at wild knotted hair  
and old cotton nightgown  
rush by with hands full  
of yesterday's underwear