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The Glamorous Life

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Ordinary mothers lead ordinary lives:
Keep the house and sweep the parlour,
Mend the clothes and tend the children.
Ordinary mothers, like ordinary wives,
Make the beds and bake the pies
And wither on the vine.
Not mine.

Dying by inches, ev'ry night,
What a glamorous life!
Brought on by winches to recite,
What a glamorous life!
Ordinary mothers never get the flowers
And ordinary mothers never get the joys.
Ordinary mothers couldn't cough for hours,
maintaining their poise.

Sandwiches only, what she eats
what she wants when she wants.
Sometimes it's lonely, but she meets
many handsome gallants.
Ordinary mothers don't live out of cases
But ordinary mothers don't go diff'rent places,
Which ordinary mothers can't do,
Being mothers all day.
Mine's away, in a play
And she's realer than they.

What if her brooch is only glass,
And her costumes unravel?
What if her coach is second-class?
She at least gets to travel.

And sometime this summer, meaning soon
She'll be trav'ling to me.
Sometime this summer, maybe June
I'm the new place she'll see.

Ordinary daughters, make think life is better with
Ordinary mothers near them when they choose.
But ordinary daughters seldom
get a letter enclosing reviews.

Gay and resilient, with applause,
What a glamorous life!
Speeches are brilliant if they're Shaw's,
What a glamorous life!

Ordinary mothers needn't meet committees,
But ordinary mothers don't get keys to cities.
No, ordinary mothers merely
see their children all year,
Which is lovely, I hear.
But it does interfere
With a glamorous...

I am the princess, guarded by dragons,
Snorting and grumbling and rumbling in wagons.
She's in her kingdom, wearing disguises,
Living the life that is full of surprises.

And sometime this summer
she'll come galloping over the green.
Sometime this summer, to the rescue,
my mother, the queen!

Ordinary mothers thrive on being private,
And ordinary mothers somehow can survive it,
But ordinary mothers never
know they're just standing still
With the kettles to fill
While they're missing the thrill
Of the glamorous life!