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Three Poems

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Three women—college students—
Met that morning before dawn.
One of the friends had a kitchen
Just large enough for the three of them.
The other housemates were still sleeping,
But that didn't keep the three from making
Blueberry lemon waffles.
They chatted softly at first.
With quiet smiles and hushed steps,
They filed in and began what each was good at.
One cleaned as one mixed as one made coffee.
They enjoyed the sounds of cupboards closing
And of clinks and clicks of utensils,
As each part did its work.
There was no rush,
But they finished soon enough.
Light streamed in through the kitchen door and

Stretched to warm the women's feet
Under the kitchen table.
They sat close in the nook,
Each silently grateful for the others—
Thankful for this simple morning
Set aside for simple joy.