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Two beds to make,
Two rugs to shake--
Which means I'm not alone.

Fresh corn and squash,
Cookware to wash--
Which means I don't go hungry.

Some clothes to scrub,
Hot water tub--
Which means I'm warm and clean.

I've been without,
Lived through a drought
That lasted seven years.

Then came the fire.
Just ash and wire
Were all it left my name.

I've been without.
I know about
The awful pangs of need.

I'm now without
The slightest doubt
That someone does take heed.

--Glenna Holloway