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## One Saturday Afternoon

Tammy Robacker

I watched my mother  
(Who had grown  
All of her fingernails  
Very long) choose  
Not to dust or clean  
The house that day

Instead she polished  
Each pointy oval tip  
A bright candy pink  
Twice over then added  
A translucent topcoat  
And let them air-dry

While she eased back  
Ignoring everything:  
The kitchen, my father,  
Even me, and leisured  
To read *Prisoner of Desire*  
On our old green sofa.

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**G2** says:

[April 4, 2017 at 4:12 am](#)

I enjoy these slice of life poems.

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**Tammy R.** says:

[April 5, 2017 at 7:56 am](#)

Yes, it really is a snapshot moment/memory I tried to capture. It's all one sentence, too. 😊



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