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Unclothed I slip into bed, on silky,  
satiny sheets. Every movement like  
a caress. I am lulled into gloriously  
tranquil sleep. Morning comes, I am  
rested beyond belief.

The gas bill arrived in the morning mail.  
My eyeballs pop, yikes, what happened here.  
Good grief. My checkbook balance will drop  
a lot this year.

Turn down the heat, warm nightclothes,  
flannel sheets, blankets, quilts weighing  
me down. I'm somewhere under this  
monstrous mound.

Each time I move my nightgown twists,  
around my legs and over my hips. On these  
unyielding flannel sheets, trapped on lumps  
and wrinkles I try to sleep.

What I would give for one more night of  
gloriously tranquil sleep, on silky,  
satiny sheets.