

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

mrs. kutvel

mrs. kutvel knows the exact amount
of her B.M.'s for any month
last year
and how many different colored
mildew colonies are living, undisturbed
on her powder blue shower curtain.

she knows how many seconds it takes
to butter toast make tea,
and walk from her kitchen
to her bed,
she likes things that way.

she wears pinkfoamy curlers
all days, all nights
(then you always know just
where they are) and checks
her empty mailbox consistently
at quarter after three.

mrs. kutvel counts recounts tabulates
declares rechecks estimates the averages
then gets up and makes some tea or toast,
and walks from the kitchen to the bed.