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I'm Writing Now

I'm writing now instead of doing the dishes
Instead of wiping the dust
Instead of separating the summer clothes from winter
and the clothes that are small on them from the clothes that are big for them
Instead of putting the small clothes in a bag to give to friends,
Or putting the others back in the closet.
Instead of going to buy vegetables- because we're all out,
Instead of driving to the repair lab to pick up the video.
Instead of changing the light bulb in the kitchen.
Instead of washing the pee soaked mattress cover,
Instead of going to the health maintenance organization
To get my reimbursement for the appointment with Dr. Netter,
Instead of going to Yam, who is crying behind the door.
I'm writing now instead of going to income tax to adjust my tax rate.
Instead of sorting out my status at The National Insurance Institute
Instead of arranging for an American passport for Romi and Yam.
I'm writing now.