

She's Leaving Home
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Write the missing words on the lines.

closing clutching¹ leaving meeting standing stepping turning waiting

Wednesday morning at five o'clock, as the day begins,
Silently _____ her bedroom door,
_____ the note that she hoped would say more,
She goes downstairs to the kitchen _____ her handkerchief.
Quietly _____ the backdoor key,
_____ outside, she is free.

She (We gave her most of our lives.)
Is leaving (Sacrificed most of our lives)
Home. (We gave her everything money could buy.)
She's leaving home after living alone (Bye bye) for so many years.

Father snores as his wife gets into her dressing gown,²
Picks up the letter that's lying there,
_____ alone at the top of the stairs,
She breaks down and cries to her husband, "Daddy, our baby's gone.
Why would she treat us so thoughtlessly?
How could she do this to me?"

She (We never thought of ourselves.)
Is leaving (Never a thought for ourselves)
Home. (We've struggled hard all our lives to get by.)
She's leaving home after living alone (Bye bye) for so many years.

Friday morning at nine o'clock, she is far away,
_____ to keep the appointment she made,
_____ a man from the motor trade.³

¹ *to clutch* = to hold tightly

² *dressing gown* (British English) = *robe* or *bathrobe* (U.S. English)

³ *a man from the motor trade* = a man who works in the car business—for example, a car salesman

She (What did we do that was wrong?)
Is having (We didn't know it was wrong.)
Fun. (Fun is the one thing that money can't buy.)
Something inside that was always denied (Bye bye) for so many years
She's leaving home. (Bye bye)

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