



PETER SEARS

## HI MOM, PLEASE PICK UP

HI, Mom, please pick up, I'm coming home tonight late,  
so please turn off the alarm. I don't want to wake you. Remember  
the time I got there late and had to ring you up and you didn't pick up  
and I slept on the lawn and those people came by tipsy and sang out?  
Look at creepie on the lawn. He's not dead.  
He's just got rattles in his head.  
I hate being called creepie.  
So I really hope you get this. Frankie says you're not there any more.  
Janie says maybe you're dead. That's not nice.  
I know you like to keep the lights off to keep folks from prying.  
Do you remember my setting you up with a deadbolt?  
That wasn't so long ago. If you have some chores for me,  
just leave a note. I'll sleep downstairs and not bother you.  
In the morning, I may be gone before you awake,  
So let me thank you now.