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you want to change the kitchen  
and move the fridge around  
eliminate a closet  
and take the cupboards down –  
you say it'll be efficient  
you say it will be great  
to join our two apartments  
into a shared estate –

but

i'll lose my curl-up corner  
i'll lose my morning view  
because the giant kitchen  
would then belong to you –  
there'd be a door connecting  
my kitchen with yours  
but you'd get all the storage  
with shelving space and drawers –

and

i'd lose all my surfaces  
of singing bowls and rocks  
plus cups and globes and bookcases  
and easels paints and clocks –  
so thank you for your offer –  
i think i'll stay as is  
with cupboards long past upgrading  
and floors of forty years –

so

i'll keep my morning privacy –  
i'll keep my separate space –  
even though you say the change  
would make no difference –  
the trouble is i can't be you  
and i can't buy your dream –  
when your increased apartment space  
would mean reducing mine –

i know

you say the space would be the same  
with cupboards on the side  
but all your stuff would claim first place  
with nothing left for mine –  
so thank you for your explanations  
i don't want your dream  
i love my kitchen – red and white –  
it doesn't need your change.

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