

NEXT DOOR

She says the world is hard
when her neighbor dares to hang on the line
a towel, a sock, a towel,
when everyone *knows* you must hang
all socks together, all sheets, and so on.

She says this world is a bad place
when neighbors have no consideration
and make you look at a wrong clothesline.

On the other hand, when you are elderly,
as long as you have enemies
you can stay alive,
a keeper of archives.