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"Muriel would be having the wash in the morning, you know before she had her breakfast to go to school and she'd be standing there, I can see Muriel now doing this, and she'd have the soap on her hands and she'd be standing there like this, daydreaming, just like this and mother would say "Muriel, Muriel, come on get a move on, you're going to be late for school, and you've got to have your breakfast yet". "Coming Aunt Mary" she'd say, called mother aunt Mary "Coming Aunt Mary" and mother used to have to do this, hurry her round all the time to get us off in time to walk you see, 'cause we'd got to walk, so er, she wasn't cross with her, just, you know stirring her on a bit, but it was just like moving a load of bricks. Oh she really was, you know, and I was just the difference, I was sort of very, a bit highly-strung."