

ABBA - The day before you came

In the lyrics of this song a woman is remembering what she did the day before she met the love of her life. The problem is that she can't remember everything clearly, so she talks about the things that she "must have done".

Look at the activities in the list. What order do you think the narrator must have done them in?
*go to bed / go to lunch / keep on dragging through the business of the day /
leave my house / light my seventh cigarette / make my desk (make=arrive at) / rain /
open my front door / read / read the evening paper / read the morning paper / yawn*

For example: "First, she must have left her house. Then..."

Listen to the song and put the words in the list into the correct gaps.

I must have ¹ _____ my house at eight because I always do
My train I'm certain left the station just when it was due
I must have ² _____ going into town
And having gotten through the editorial no doubt I must have frowned
I must have ³ _____ around a quarter after nine
With letters to be read and heaps of papers waiting to be signed
I must have ⁴ _____ at half past twelve or so the usual place the usual bunch
And still on top of this I'm pretty sure it must have ⁵ _____
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I must have ⁶ _____ at half past two
And at the time I never even noticed I was blue
I must have ⁷ _____
Without really knowing anything, I hid a part of me away
At five I must have left there's no exception to the rule
A matter of routine I've done it ever since I finished school
The train back home again undoubtedly I must have ⁸ _____ then
Oh yes I'm sure my life was well within it's usual frame
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I must have ⁹ _____ at eight o'clock or so
And stopped along the way to buy some Chinese food to go
I'm sure I had my dinner watching something on TV
There's not I think a single episode of Dallas that I didn't see
I must have ¹⁰ _____ around a quarter after ten
I need a lot of sleep and so I like to be in bed by then
I must have ¹¹ _____ a while the latest one by Marilyn French or something in that style
It's funny but I had no sense of living without aim
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And turning out the light
I must have ¹² _____ and cuddled up for yet another night
And rattling on the roof I must have heard the sound of rain
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