

You

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When my family was growing up we always had at least one doggie friend. These days, having to live in a flat, I really miss their unconditional love and friendship. There is something so comforting about them.

DOG WORLDS

Do you recall the day we met?
I told You *I did not want a pet* - and -
If I did - t'would be a cat!
Remember what You said to that?
"Woof!" You said in puppy talk,
"*I'm* only going for a walk.
You're in *my* way - a cat? For shame!
Let's stroll together. Want a game?"
"No!" said I in accents firm -
With head held high, started to turn -
But then - You gave me a squirmy jiggle,
Rolled on your back to have a tickle -
Proceeded to *accompany* me
With windmill tail - ears flying free!
Now, we're friends, all tired and true;
You care for me, I care for You.
You never sulk if I scowl a while;
Even when I am boorish, unkind
You're right there for me, time out of mind.
When things feel wrong you scout around -
Chase away ghosts with a single bound!
I lean on You - you never complain
And always know what to do for my pain;
A paw lifted up, and soothing lick,
Can melt away my blues in a flick.
I might tremble in the dark of night -
You sit on my feet and my fears take flight!
You gaze at me with soft, dark eyes
Ears Pricked up, and banish my sighs.
You give so much and ask for nothing;

Your trust in me makes life worth living.
You waggle all over with joy in a walk,
You're the *very* best listener when I talk.
Your singing voice, I have to admit,
Wouldn't make the charts - but who cares a bit?
"I'd give you the world, if I could," You say -
"Meantime, Boss - here's the ball - *let's play!*"
My friend, my Comfort, sent from Above
To bless me with your unconditional Love. =