



## **My Pet's Legacy**

### **Text and poems about dogs for your Memory Capsule**

Here is a selection of text and poems about **dogs**. You might like pick some phrases to use as text which will appear below the images/videos you upload. Or you might like to record yourself reading one of the poems – or part of a poem if it's a long one. Don't forget to look at our other resources including Poems Suitable for Any Species of Pet.

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#### **Four Feet - Rudyard Kipling**

I have done mostly what most men do,  
And pushed it out of my mind;  
But I can't forget, if I wanted to,  
Four-Feet trotting behind.

Day after day, the whole day through  
Wherever my road inclined  
Four-feet said, "I am coming with you!"  
And trotted along behind.

Now I must go by some other round,  
Which I shall never find  
Somewhere that does not carry the sound  
Of Four-Feet trotting behind.

### **A Good Dog Never Dies - Anon**

A good dog never dies, he always stays,  
*he walks besides you on crisp autumn days*  
when frost is on the fields and winter's drawing near,  
his head within our hand in his old way.



I lost a treasured friend today  
The little dog who used to lay  
Her gentle head upon my knee  
And shared her silent thoughts with me.  
*Anon*



"One who possessed beauty without vanity,  
strength without insolence,  
Courage without ferocity,  
and all the virtues of Man  
without his vices."

*Lord Byron*



Thorns may hurt you, men desert you, sunlight turn to fog;  
but you're never friendless ever, if you have a dog.

*Douglas Mallock*



My sunshine doesn't come from the skies,  
It comes from the love in my dog's eyes.

*Anon*



So, this is where we part, my Friend,  
and you'll run on, around the bend.  
Gone from sight, but not from mind,  
new pleasures there you'll surely find.

*Anon*



### **Do not mourn my passing**

Do not mourn my passing for if you could only see,  
by slipping all my earthly bonds, I'm young again and free.  
By day I run the Heavenly fields, my body healthy and strong,  
at night I sleep at Angels' Feet, lulled by Celestial Song.  
So do not mourn my passing, just close your eyes, you'll see,  
I'm once again that frisky pup, just as you remember me.

*Anon*



### **Tribute to a Best Friend**

Sunlight streams through the window pane  
unto a spot on the floor....  
then I remember, (*contd.*)

it's where you used to lie,  
but now you are no more.  
Our feet walk down a hall of carpet,  
and muted echoes sound....  
then I remember,  
It's where your paws would joyously abound.  
A voice is heard along the road,  
and up beyond the hill,  
then I remember it can't be yours....  
your golden voice is still.  
But I'll take that vacant spot of floor  
and empty muted hall  
and lay them with the absent voice  
and unused dish along the wall.  
I'll wrap these treasured memorials  
in a blanket of my love  
and keep them for my best friend  
until we meet above.

*Anon*



### **I Walk With You**

I stood by your bed last night, I came to have a peep.  
I could see that you were crying, You found it hard to sleep.  
I whined to you softly as you brushed away a tear,  
"It's me, I haven't left you, I'm well, I'm fine, I'm here."  
I was close to you at breakfast, I watched you pour the tea,  
You were thinking of the many times, your hands reached down to me.  
I was with you at the shops today, Your arms were getting sore.  
I longed to take your parcels, I wish I could do more. (*contd.*)

I was with you at my grave today, You tend it with such care.  
I want to reassure you, that I'm not lying there.  
I walked with you towards the house, as you fumbled for your key.  
I gently put my paw on you, I smiled and said "it's me."  
You looked so very tired, and sank into a chair.  
I tried so hard to let you know, that I was standing there.  
It's possible for me to be so near you everyday.  
To say to you with certainty, "I never went away."  
You sat there very quietly, then smiled, I think you knew ...  
in the stillness of that evening, I was very close to you.  
The day is over and I smile and watch you yawning  
and say "goodnight, God bless, I'll see you in the morning."  
And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide,  
I'll rush across to greet you and we'll stand, side by side.  
I have so many things to show you, there is so much for you to see.  
Be patient, live your journey out - then come home to be with me.

*Anon*



### **Treasured Friend**

I lost a treasured friend today  
The little dog who used to lay  
Her gentle head upon my knee  
And shared her silent thoughts with me.  
She'll come no longer to my call  
Retrieve no more her favourite ball  
A voice far greater than my own  
Has called her to his golden throne.

Although my eyes are filled with tears  
I thank him for the happy years (*contd.*)

He let her spend down here with me  
And for her love and loyalty.  
When it is time for me to go  
And join her there, this much I know  
I shall not fear the transient dark  
For she will greet me with a bark.

*Anon*



### **She Was Just My Dog**

She was my other eyes that could see  
above the clouds;  
my other ears of me that could reach above the winds  
She was the part of me that could reach out into the sea  
She told me a thousand times over that I was her reason for being; *(contd.)*  
By the way she rested against my leg;  
By the way she wagged her tail at my smallest smile; *(contd.)*  
by the way she showed her hurt when I left her without taking her along  
(I think that it made her sick with worry because she was not along to care for me)  
When I was wrong, she was delighted to forgive.  
When I was angry, she clowned to make me smile.  
When I was happy, she was joy unbounded.  
When I was a fool, she ignored it.  
When I succeeded, she bragged.  
Without her, I am only another person.  
With her, I was all powerful.  
She was loyalty itself.

She had taught me the meaning of devotion.

With her, I knew a secret comfort and a private peace. (*contd.*)

She had brought me understanding where before I was ignorant.

Her head on my knee could heal my human hurts.

Her kisses on my tears washed away my bad feelings.

Her presence by my side was protection.

*Anon*



### **The Best Dog of All**

Loving and loyal,  
A friend through and through,  
How in the world can I  
live life without you?  
I've known you since you  
Were just a scrappy little pup.  
Fighting to survive,  
And you never gave up.  
I watched you grow into a  
beautiful canine friend.  
Back in those days,  
I could not imagine this end.  
But now it is all over,  
And you're truly gone.  
Somehow I'll find a way  
To try to carry on.  
Perhaps one day I'll find  
A new puppy who,  
Will become my dear friend,

But she'll never replace you.  
I'll keep your little photo (*contd.*)  
hung up on my wall,  
And I'll always remember you  
As the very best dog of all.



"The bond with a dog is as lasting as the ties of this earth can ever be." *Konrad Lorenz*

"Dogs have a way of finding the people who need them." *Thom Jones*

"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." *Roger Caras*