A poem about a dog

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Before you read

Discuss why dogs have a way of creeping into people's hearts. What are your feelings about dogs?

My Comforter

The world had all gone wrong that day And tired and in despair,
Discouraged with the ways of life,
I sank into my chair.

A soft caress fell on my cheek,
My hands were thrust apart.
And two big sympathizing eyes
Gazed down into my heart.
I had a friend; what cared I now
For fifty worlds? I knew
One heart was anxious when I grieved—
My dog's heart, loyal, true.

"God bless him," breathed I soft and low, And hugged him close and tight. One lingering lick upon my ear And we were happy—quite.

You can also find the poem when you follow this link

https://goo.gl/1Y6OMK

by Anonymous

After you read

Answer the following questions in your class workbook.

- 1. Who wrote the poem? Explain the meaning of Anonymous
- 2. What is the main idea in this poem?
- 3. Does the poet use rhyme and rhythm in this poem? Explain your answer.
- 4. Can you relate this poem to your own life?
- 5. Name four actions made by the dog.
- 6. Describe how the dog owner was feeling in the first verse.
- 7. Name two responses made by the man.
- 8. Describe how the dog owner was feeling in the last verse.

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9. Draw a picture of the scene that this poem forms in your mind.					

10. Look up the following words in your dictionary and explain the meanings: thrust, caressed, grieved, dazed, lingering.

