

**CHAINED DOGS PLEA**

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I wish someone would tell me
What is it that I've done wrong
Why do I have to stay chained up
And left alone so long?

They seemed so glad to have me
When I came here as a pup.
There were so many things we'd do
While I was growing up.

But now the Master "hasn't time."
The Mistress says I shed.
She doesn't want me in the house.
Not even to be fed.

The Children never walk me.
They always say, "Not now."
I wish that I could please them.
Won't someone tell me how?

All I had, you see, was love.
I wish they would explain
Why they said they wanted mine,
And then left it on a chain.

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