

## MEMORIZE A POEM A MONTH

Do you have a dog? What does your dog do for you? If you have no dog you must have seen your neighbors' pet dogs, how they follow their masters and lick their hands. In many ways they show their love for their masters.

When you see how faithful dogs are, don't you wish you had a little dog all your own?

Here is a poem that tells about a child's wish. Read it through. What is the child's wish?

Read the first stanza again. Describe the dog that he wants to have. Read the words that tell about the dog he is dreaming of. What will the dog's eyes show?

Read the second stanza. What does the boy expect the dog to do at night?

Read the poem silently again. Which words should be given emphasis if it would be read aloud? Now read it aloud showing with your voice which words are important. Read it over and over until you have learned it well enough to recite it.



### My Dog

*John Kendrick Bangs*

I have no dog, but it must be  
Somewhere there's one belongs to me—  
A little dog with wagging tail,  
And dark brown eyes that never fail  
To look at me the long day through  
With love unspeakable and true.

I almost think I see him wait,  
It may be by a garden gate  
With eyes alert, and glad delight  
To bid me welcome home at night  
Just waiting patiently, that he  
May be on hand to welcome me.