

## **Thank you for today**

*(For Gracie, Border Collie, December 24, 2008-August 1, 2020)*

Every night  
I said to you,  
Thank you for today.

You welcomed the dawn  
With fierce cheer,  
Barked busily and  
With purpose,  
Declaring to our neighbors,  
I am here!

On our walks  
A blade of grass,  
A hanging leaf,  
A stump  
Merited your inquiry.  
I learned to look  
With your joy,  
Refreshed in spirit  
When I needed to be.

Death reminds that life  
Is relentless.  
You are suddenly gone  
And I must now  
Greet the morning  
Alone.

But from you  
I learned  
To see  
Each day  
With gentle heart.

For that, I thank you.

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