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A Family Friend

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Since my youth I was strong, nimble, demure and agile,
Loved by all, for my temperament was extremely facile.

A lass who loved, picked me up and kept secretly inside!
For she could not resist my love for her ardent pride. !!

Was allotted a space at foyer to play with toys like balls,
Yet kept all day and night alert and never lose enthral!

Detested in the beginning and deprived for all my rights
May I be the stranger as only few could seek delights?

Slowly but gradually, I adapted myself with all of them,
By developing love to all and allowing none to condemn.

Whether it's a dinner or supper and lunch or brunch,
I always relish my food till my tongue gets drench.

Gets ecstatic every time the members of the family alight,
By sniffing and wagging tail, when they reach near my sight.

I cuddle in their arms by sensing the family in happy mood,
Flush away their anxiety and never allow making them rude.

I stay distressed whenever the master leaves the house,
Engulf my anger and agony as someone misses the spouse!

Furious I become whenever strangers pass in before my eyes.
But feel thrilled on seeing my friends of whom I ever relies!

Though I could not express my feeling in a distinctive voice,
But my master apprehends me well and makes me rejoice!!

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