

## **Poem of the Month**

September 2008

*Carol Halliday's poem "Puppy Eyes" was third place winner in the Poetry Society of Texas monthly contest for May 2008. It is based on a chance encounter while Carol and her husband were walking. For Carol's bio and picture, see the March 2008 Poet of the Month archive.*



### **Puppy Eyes**

*Have you ever looked in a puppy's eyes?  
That's where the truth in their heart lies.  
Calmly walking down the street,  
Staying close to their master's feet.*

*And then, just as if by chance,  
You see them give a sideways glance.  
You see a bark hidden in there  
That they'd really like to share.*

*You see a tail that flicks a wag  
Before their eyes begin to sag.  
They really want to jump and play.  
That's what their eyes seem to say.*

*It must be a task of great control  
Not to frolic, run and roll.  
A smile and a hug is all that's needed  
To insure the master's instruction is heeded.*

*If we had the puppy's conviction  
We would be able to avoid our sin.  
Escaping pitfalls and disaster  
All for the sake of a happy Master.*

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