

Latova O

Dog Hotel : No Vacancy

- a Today is a day of woe.
b Our friends are bringing a dog.
b Could not stop the dialogue.
c I did not have guts to say.
c I don't want the dog to stay.
c The dog would be in our way.
b I'm not a pet pedagog.
a I am not in doggie know.
a and I just wish dog would go.
- d My home is not now dog proof.
e child or cat ready either.
e I am left in a dither
f Dog hair, stench, slobber, poop, fleas
f accidents, wood floors, rugs—please
f keep dog at bay, fear disease.
e I am reduced to blither.
d So I must remain aloof.
d and hope the dog will not goof.

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1. Exercise in trochaic meter.
2. 18 lines. 2 stanzas of 9 lines.
3. Meter: trochaic tetrameter, the final foot of each line is catelectic (drop the last unstressed syllable).
4. Rhyme Scheme: a-b-b-c-c-c-b-a-a d-e-e-f-f-f-e-d-d
5. Syllabic Count: 7 in meter conversion.
6. Example done with a syllable count.