

A YELLOW DOG

*Only a common yellow dog;
But oh, the heart within!
He pulled wee Charlie from the lake—
Wee Charlie couldn't swim.*

*The world was rough; he didn't complain,
Or display any spleen,
Though he'd no bed, or roof o'erhead,
And oh, his sides were lean.*

*Grateful for a bare bone or crust;
For a kind word so glad;
The trusting look in his big eyes
Somehow made one feel sad.*

*Some boys a can tied to his tail,
With fire-crackers inside;
It broke his heart, and from that day
He pined away and died.*

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### RAIN SPLASHES

*"Aunty, what makes big drops of rain?"  
" 'Tis, so the story goes,  
The Moon-Man's wife, as some maintain,  
On wash day sprinkling clothes.*

*"She picks up the starry dipper,  
And dips it in the sea;  
Then sprinkles big drops of water;  
Some splash to earth, you see."*