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### **Second Nature**

How can an ant be so strong?

The burden it carries many times over.

How can a leaf ride a storm?

Navigate through the gushes of wind.

How can an owl see in the dark?

Its shiny eyes stare at the blind.

How can pollen grow in a barren land?

It sucks the moisture from dry air.

How can a dog have so much faith?

An unconditional love for its master.

How can a rose keep a smile?

When the admirers look to kill.

How can God be so forgiving?

Its creation has been nothing but trouble.

# The Dog That Went Astray

Where I used to live
Street dogs were a common sight
I was afraid of the dog bite
Rabies didn't forgive.

Environment was not kind

It was poverty which led

Cows in search of the shed

Humans were not far behind.

A dog would linger around
It was looking for food
Whatever could be chewed
Picked garbage on the ground.

It would come each day

The food thrown by my mother

I felt we could trust each other

It would respond in such a way.

One day, I saw its temper fray
The echoes of an angry bark
Mob that ruled in the dark
The dog that went astray.

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