

## BATHING THE DOG

It seems since last time I forgot.  
It sounds so simple, but it's not.  
To give a bath, there's much to do.  
Supplies include "no tears" shampoo,  
and special tools to de-snarl snags,  
absorbent towels, scrubbing rags,  
and when we add his brush and comb,  
we're ready for soapsuds and foam.

Turn on the water. Let's begin  
by wetting down his hair and skin.  
From this point on the big mistake  
would be to give him room to shake.  
For this, although no one knows why,  
the laws of physics don't apply.  
For every drop his coat can hold  
he'll shake out that amount ten-fold.

Although he stands there soaking wet  
he hasn't had much bathing yet.  
Despite how long that I persist  
he stays determined to resist,  
and so far we've just made a mess.  
I'll struggle on until success  
and make my claim of victory  
when there's more soap on him than me.

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