

Novice Sounds

I hear the sounds of necklace chain,
the tinkling pings and zippered clinks
of close-connected metal links
snap-fastened to a 6 foot rein.

Small scuffing sounds as novice feet
go fast and slow, all speeds between,
perform the exercise routine
in shuffling un-united feet.

The barked commands land everywhere
as "Forwards," "Left Turns," "Right Turns," "Halts"
keep handlers busy fixing faults
with praises, pleading, swearing, prayer.

What pleasure hearing here with you,
reliving times the noises bring,
recalling songs that puppies sing,
reminded these are our sounds, too.

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