

OUR LEASH

From leather, nylon, rope and chain,
we pick our leashes for their strength
from colors that befit our breed
in sizes of the proper length.

The leashes that are short and stout
are made to keep a dog close in
while those to let a dog walk out
contrastingly are long and thin.

It's more than a restraining line
to keep the dog from running free.
It shapes our shared experience,
a bond connecting him and me.

Some leashes cannot be replaced.
They're special as a favored bone.
Because our tie is personal
I cut good line and make our own.

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