

SCOTTIE COATS

Six is how many there have been,
and of those I have had
the varied features of their coats
proved much more good than bad.

Three blacks had wiry outer coats
with thick fine hair below.
It's true they withered in the heat,
but never minded snow.

One wheaten wore silk underneath
her golden outer frills.
She wasn't bothered by the heat,
but sometimes felt wee chills.

Two brindles had tight layered coats.
They were the sturdiest,
both waterproof, yet breathable,
and insulated best.

Most coats are color-fast, stain-proof
with durability.
Add bite-resistance; they become
more than a coat need be.

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