

SLEEPING DOG

I warn you not to tease;
please let him be.
He'd rather face unease
in privacy.

He likes to be alone,
to work unsteered,
to solve things on his own
un-interfered.

Don't press him for response;
he won't talk back.
From others, all he wants
is quiet slack.

I know your monologue
won't prompt reply.
Like any sleeping dog,
best let him lie.

Just let him find his fate;
keep out of it.
I'll not commiserate
if you get bit.

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