

THE CHASE
(For E and M)

The Scottie chased, the squirrel fled
in frantic flight one jump ahead.
The Scottie pressed, intent to place
the squirrel in eternal grace.

The squirrel strained to keep the pace
with Scottie narrowing the space
and clearly threatening to send
the squirrel to an early end.

But then fate intervened instead
when Scottie snagged a hidden nail
and cut one foot and tore a toe.
Oh how it hurt and how it bled!
Knowing then the chase must fail
the Scottie let the squirrel go.

No time for wasting on regrets.
All haste was made straight to the vets
where doctor found the foot unfit
concluding that the remedy
was amputation surgery
to cut away the mangled toe.

But Mistress would have none of it;
when she was asked, she just said "No."

Of course the terrier agreed
and soon the two convinced the vet
it wasn't time to cut just yet,
that sterile care was all they'd need
and healing would be guaranteed.

With this the vet set out to put
a plan in place to save the foot
and when his work was done at last
the Scottie wore a special cast
providing full sterility
and safety from fresh injury.
Both dog and Mistress praised the deed.

The Scot is home now, on the mend,
and healing at a healthy speed
impatient for the vet to end
confinement to the special boot,
and anxious for the next pursuit.

The squirrel rests and sure as not
awaits the chase just like the Scot.

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