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I've Been Thinking*

I've been thinking
about my dog
I've been thinking
that he's old
I've been thinking
I should shoot him
because he's so old
and because he's
a dog
But I think
my dog thinks
that's a bit
drastic
I think that
he thinks that
he'd rather, say,
change his name
from "Dimples"
to maybe "Wrinkles"
Then he could
lay in the corner
with his wrinkles
and be old
And I could
keep the gun
wrapped in oilcloth,
and throw bones
Yes,
I've been thinking,