

The hospital dog

Here is a dog a dalmatian called Dot.  
Is she quite ordinary, NO SHE'S NOT!

Here is Dot's owner, a lady called Rose,  
With rings on her fingers and specs on her nose.

After their breakfast of porridge and tea,  
Rose and her dog always swim in the sea.

Then they hop onto bus number seventy eight,  
And the bus drops them off at the hospital gate.

Here are the children in Wallaby Ward,  
Most of them happy but some of them bored.

A girl's feeling shy and a baby is howling,  
A toddler's cross and a teenager's scowling.  
A visitor's jumping about like a frog  
But look who's arrived...

It's the hospital dog!

Bea's feeling nervous. Today's her first day,  
She wonders how long she'll be going to stay.

There's a tear in her eye and an ache in her head...

But look who's appeared on the chair by her bed!

A pat and a stroke and a cuddle with Dot.  
Is Bea feeling scared still? NO SHE'S NOT!

Gus who is older than all of the others,  
Would rather be out playing ball with his brothers.

He's read all his books and he's tired of TV...

But here is a dog he's delighted to see!

A pat and a stroke and a cuddle with Dot,  
Is Gus feeling bored still? NO HE'S NOT

Here's baby Katy, she's hot and what's more  
She's covered in spots and her tummy is sore.  
It seems that she'll never stop crying- Boo Hoo!

'Till Dot lifts a paw to say, "How do you do?"

A pat and a stroke and a cuddle with Dot,

Is Katy still crying? NO SHE'S NOT

Dot gets a hat and makes friends with a bear,  
She plays with a ball and she rides in a chair,  
She calms down a doctor,  
She cheers up a mummy,  
She lets little Tyler play tickle Dot's tummy.

Here is a boy who is deaf, he's called Joe.  
Rose helps her dog make the sign for Hello

Joe's going home now, his cough is much better  
His mum packs his toothbrush and Dot packs his sweater.

Dot's going home too, the ward round is done,  
She's sorry to leave – but the lift ride is fun.

Off to the bus stop go five pairs of feet.  
Then Joe sees a friend and steps into the street!

Here comes a car but he can't hear it come.  
Rose isn't watching and nor is Joe's mum.

Dot rushes out and she pushes Joe back,  
But the car hits her leg with a sudden loud SMACK!

A trip to the vet and an X-ray for Dot,  
Is Dot feeling happy? NO SHE'S NOT

The vet says "Don't worry, it's not a disaster,  
The leg will be fine after six weeks in plaster."

Six weeks to wait! That's a very long time,  
Dot has a limp and she can't jump or climb

No swimming!  
No bus rides!  
Dot's feeling bored.

But here come the children from Wallaby Ward!  
Joe, Bea and Katy, Tyler and Gus,  
"We're visiting you like you visited us!"

A pat and a stroke and a biscuit for Dot  
Is she enjoying it? – YES A LOT!