

Remember Me

*Remember the sound of my four padded feet,
the meow and the barking when it came time to eat.
The laser light chasing and playing fetch with the ball;
how I'd run near your feet, and once made you fall.*

*The blanket you bought for me so I could lay on your bed,
and while you were sleeping, I chose your pillow instead.*

*Cleaning my cat pan and shoveling snow
so that during the winter I'd have someplace to "go".*

*The time I caught fleas and caused quite a stir;
the bathing and brushing to untangle my fur.
How I'd bark and go crazy when the doorbell would ring,
how I'd sit by the window and hear the birds sing.*

And I'd watch out that window and wait for you to come home –

*I'd run to the door, sometimes with a bone.
How I'd lick your cheek when you felt sad and blue;
seeing tears on your face always made me sad, too.*

*Then remember the time when I didn't feel well;
although no words were spoken, you could just tell.*

*When I no longer played, and chose not to eat;
nothing would tempt me, not even a treat.*

*Remember that car ride, no longer for fun,
and the trip to the vet that would be the last one.
Though hard, I'm happy that by my side you stayed
and held me with love – you knew I was afraid.*

*Then I fell asleep gently, and you laid me to rest;
And though painfully sad, we both knew it was best.
So remember me now, and even though we're apart,
I'll always be with you – in your mind and your heart.*

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