# General

# James Herriot, British veterinary surgeon and writer

If having a soul means being able to feel love and loyalty and gratitude, then animals are better off than a lot of humans.

### John Galsworthy

Not the least hard thing to bear when they go from us, these quiet friends, is that they carry away with them so many years of our own lives.

## A Bridge called Love

It takes us back to brighter years, to happier sunlit days and to precious moments that will be with us always.

And these fond recollections are treasured in the heart to bring us always close to those from whom we had to part.

There is a bridge of memories from Earth to Heaven above... It keeps our dear ones near us It's the bridge that we call love.

### Tribute to a Best Friend

Sunlight streams through window pane onto a spot on the floor..... then I remember, it's where you used to lie, but now you are no more.

Our feet walk down a hall of carpet, and muted echoes sound..... then I remember,

it's where your paws would joyously abound.

A voice is heard along the road, and up beyond the hill, then I remember, it can't be yours..... your golden voice is still.

But I'll take that vacant spot of floor and empty muted hall, and lay them with the absent voice and unused dish along the wall.

I'll wrap these treasured memories in a blanket of my love, and keep them for my best friend until we meet above.

### Lost Pet

(Suggestion change God bless to Gods bless you)

I stood by your bed last night I came to have a peep. I could see that you were crying, You found it hard to sleep. I whined to you softly as you brushed away a tear, "It's me, I haven't left you, I'm well, I'm fine, I'm here."

I was close to you at breakfast, I watched you pour the tea, You were thinking of the many times, your hands reached down to me.

I was with you at the shops today, Your arms were getting sore. I longed to take your parcels, I wish I could do more.

I was with you at my grave today, You tend it with such care. I want to reassure you, that I'm not lying there.

I walked with you towards the house, as you fumbled for your key.
I gently put my paw on you,
I smiled and said "it's me."

You looked so very tired, and sank into a chair. I tried so hard to let you know, that I was standing there.

It's possible for me, to be so near you everyday. To say to you with certainty, "I never went away."

You sat there very quietly, then smiled, I think you knew ... in the stillness of that evening, I was very close to you.

The day is over... smile and watch you yawning and say "goodnight, God bless, I'll see you in the morning."

And when the time is right for you to cross the brief divide, I'll rush across to greet you and we'll stand, side by side.

I have so many things to show you, there is so much for you to see. Be patient, live your journey out ...then come home to be with me.