

# I Wanna Be a Dog

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I wanna be a dog, wanna wag my tail,  
Chase cars and knock over garbage cans,  
Bite the man who brings the mail.

I wanna be a dog, wanna lie on the floor,  
Chase squirrels and cats, get fed, get fat,  
Chew your shoe and bark at the door.

I wanna be a dog, wanna dig big holes,  
Sniff trees and ground and basset hounds  
And pee on telephone poles.

I wanna be a dog, wanna drool all around,  
Scratch fleas and ticks and run after sticks,  
I just wanna be a hound.

I wanna be a dog, wanna roll in the dirt,  
Wanna run in the street, get mud on my feet  
And jump up onto your shirt.

I wanna have dog breath, wake the neighbors too.  
I'll lick your hand, be the best friend to man;  
I've got nothing better to do.

I wanna be a dog, I want my nose to be wet.  
I've got a college degree now all I wanna be  
Is somebody else's pet.