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### Abstract

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What's better than a useless dog?

Two at the door matching, barking,  
crowding the glass and double-fogging

it with hot-nerve spittle that can  
only run down to dry

and smear in silence  
stick to the surface

since no wind of natural threat  
will blow it in, and no one will  
tumble it down into shards  
and step over with dirt-clotted  
boots, leaving malice on the tiles.

Certainly not I, the neighbor, who wishes  
no harm but still earns no tail-wagging

and friendly tongues from the passing  
to and fro over grass worn soft  
by my toothless tread.