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The dog drinks water  
with pursed lips through a straw.  
We laugh. It's so goofy.  
Who taught her this trick?

The dog, humiliated,  
slinks into the pantry,  
stares at kibbles  
in her crusty old bowl,

and because hope is  
the other emotion of dogs,

she hopes for gravy  
soft meat scraps,  
some egg yolks set aside  
on the stovetop,

hopes that the laughter  
that pings in her curly brown ears  
is surely directed  
at others.

