

Read To Your Dog
an illustrated audiobook for kids
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Bark!

Read to your dog

because dogs love to listen.

And dogs enjoy stories
mysteries
and big adventures

rousing tales where everybody winds up happy
in their own soft bed.

And dogs do especially appreciate
stories where there's cheese
even if cheese isn't the main character.

Read to your dog

because your voice sounds like totally exciting walks
and totally exciting supper

stories where somebody's on a quest
like they're searching
for their favorite smelly sock

and everybody winds up happy
in their own soft bed.

And dogs do especially appreciate
stories where there's ham
even if the ham is just a minor sub-plot.

Read to your dog

because your voice sounds like long-lost friends,
who find each other
like when your dog finds their favorite smelly sock
that was hiding
in your shoe

or maybe you find it first
unexpectedly
and that sock is
somewhat soggy.

and everybody winds up happy
in their own soft bed.

And dogs do especially appreciate
stories where there's peanut butter
because that's the happy ending.

Read to your dog

because books are beautiful
and books are brave
and so are you.

And so's your dog

Oh, just ask anyone
who ever rang your doorbell

Bark!

Read to your dog

because no matter what you read

your dog will dream a story full of walks
and socks

and cheese

and ham

with a peanut butter happy ending

in their own soft bed

Because your dog knows
that your voice

sounds like home.

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