

THE MASTER

Indeed I am the king
and this is my domain.
There isn't anything
that challenges my reign.

All laws are made by me
and spring from my command.
My subjects loyally
obey throughout my land.

No lip has once let slip
a word that didn't praise
my legal leadership
and ever regal ways.

Today I'm caused to pause
to try to figure out
one breaker of the laws
who puts my crown in doubt.

It seems he never pays
attention to a rule.
His wild youthful ways
are making me a fool.

For this I've pledged my soul
to do all that I could
to bring under control
six pounds of puppyhood.

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