

Advice from European dweller not present  
On what you should want for birthday present

Behind the sand, beneath the tree,  
Beside the bush, inside the log  
There lives a he, a she,  
A cat, but not a sign of dog.

The rain comes down, the surf comes up,  
The cat meows, but where's the pup?  
Buried in the logs how how  
Can you hear that old bow wow?

She who would from cabin log  
Upon the beach go walk or jog  
In sunshine or in thickest fog  
Must really do this with a dog.

Cats are cats, raccoons wear masks  
Possums just aren't bright at all;  
Unsuitable for household tasks  
Are flying gulls or elk so tall.

A chipmunk is a cheeky munk,  
A skunk's B.O. is not so fine.  
Instead of all this sort of junk  
You really need a pet canine.

Avoid the shadow of groundhog  
Ignore the little polliwog  
Allow the fish in creek to sog  
And go and get yourself a dog!

(When last I was in house of log  
'Twas not a sign of any dog  
If since you are possessed of dog  
Please throw this in nearest bog)

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