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## My Small Best Friend

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# MY SMALL BEST FRIEND JENNA HANDAL

Leapt onto my nine-year-old lap  
You filled my heart's big gap

Rested your head on Mother's shoulder  
And for Father's hand you would saunter

Showered with toys at your new home  
But only for the purple ball would you roam

Loved your pretty pink house  
You always snuck there like a little mouse

Played tug-of-war after school for hours  
Rocked you to sleep in that chair of ours

Sat at the piano by me everyday  
You liked that song about a summer's day

Introduced as my small best friend  
Love and joy were what you'd lend

Played hide-and-seek around the foyer  
You ran as soon as you heard my okay

Lost the owner of our favorite chair  
You comforted me with extra care

Grew up helping me through every trial  
Your doctor's phone call drove me to denial

Your face more angelic as the difficult days begun  
I gazed as you laid stretched under the morning sun

Brought you Mother's box shaded in blue  
And kissed you with not much else to do

Held you tightly as I once did in that chair  
Told you about heaven and how I'd see you there

*"'My Small Best Friend' is about a long-lasting friendship between a human and a dog. After the loss of my dog of 10 years, I grew inspired to write a simple, yet telling story of our strong bond. I wrote this in hopes that readers can connect the poem's meaning to the ups and downs of their own friendships."*

