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When I go to college
my parents will fight for custody
of my dog.
It will be a long court battle.
In his shaggy robe
Davey will serve as judge,
his obedience school diploma
certifying he graduated second in his class.

My parents will go to all lengths
to legally cheat:
Dad holding up a leash and jogging shoes
making Davey yelp for the door.
Mom shaking a dish of Purina
as Davey drools on the floor.
On and on the trickery goes.
Offerings of favorite blankets, pillows,
tennis balls and squeaky toys.

Davey cannot judge character.
He will pick my father.
My mother will weep and sob,
calling me up for a final judgment.
I'll ask her why they didn't fight
for custody of me.

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