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Description (Optional)
"Night Watch" is an attempt to get inside the brain and heart of a typical dog. The poem does not speak to any known reality but rather to my perceptions of dogs in southern, rundown neighborhoods.

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I am a senior technical and professional communication major. Writing for me is often an escape, a way of stepping outside of my life for a moment and examining other worlds.

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The dog's voice
breaks in the middle
of a dying night,
lifting to stars unknown,
the murmur of an old Ford,
the neighbor girl crying through
her cracked window.

He puts his nose to earth,
then lifts it toward the moon,
pouring out sharp bones that prick
his undeveloped mind.
He's fending for Joni Mae—
the three-year old who combs
his coat and passes down her chicken
under the cracked Maple table.