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Many of the poems that have survived the longest are very short. Some of them are a couple of thousand years old. They have somehow managed to perfectly catch life in just a few words and we can still feel those long-ago lives within them. Glenna Luschei, who lives in California, tells us a great deal about comfort in this exemplary poem. Her latest book of poetry is *Leaving It All Behind*, (Presa Press, 2011).

Home

Dog at my pillow.
Dog at my feet.
My own toothbrush.

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