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I open one eye in the morning.  
My dog, Baxter, opens one eye, too.



I open both eyes in the morning.  
Baxter opens both eyes, too,  
and watches me.



I laugh at him.  
“Soon!” I say.

I get up in the morning.  
Baxter lifts his head from his paws.





I put on my T-shirt in the morning.  
Baxter sits up and scratches.

I put on my blue jeans in the morning.  
Baxter stands up and stretches.  
I laugh at him.  
“Soon!” I say.





I put on my socks in the morning.  
Baxter wags his tail.

I put on my shoes in the morning.  
Baxter barks and bounces.





I wave my hand at him.  
He waves his tongue at me.

I open the door in the morning.  
Baxter leaps out into the day.



Off we go, eyes wide open.



Scratching, stretching,  
bouncing, barking,





waving, wagging, and walking  
into the morning sunshine.



Off we go together into the new day.



My dog, Baxter, and I have been partners for a long time now. He keeps one eye on me, and I keep one eye on him.

We go for walks together. We gather pine cones together. We collect children from school together. We are not very often apart.

He sleeps on his dog rug close behind me when I'm working, waiting for the moment when I stand up and stretch. Then he leaps to his feet and stretches, too, knowing we are going to have a bit of fun – Baxter and Margaret dancing together out in the great wide world.

*Margaret Mahy*

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