



K9 RONIN

The dog who was all heart
 FEMA Type 1, NM-TF1
 November 6, 1998 – November 10, 2010

Served: 9/11 Pentagon, Hurricane Isabel, Hurricane Katrina
 member Scottsdale Police Department K9 unit
 Partner: Jeaneen McKinney

I Would Be
 I'd be an ungainly half-grown labrador
 in the Lord's house,
 slipping through an unnoticed side door,
 knocking the black hymnals off the pews.
 And He would call me by my secret name.
 There I would be quivering,
 not knowing anything, understanding nothing,
 but the sound in that voice.
 Forgiven the muddy carpet
 the kneeling pad chewed up in waiting.
 Strung taut with joy,
 no mind, no thought, just the sheer pull of it,
 His voice, and I'd leap into it,
 A hoop of gold.
By Janet McCann

