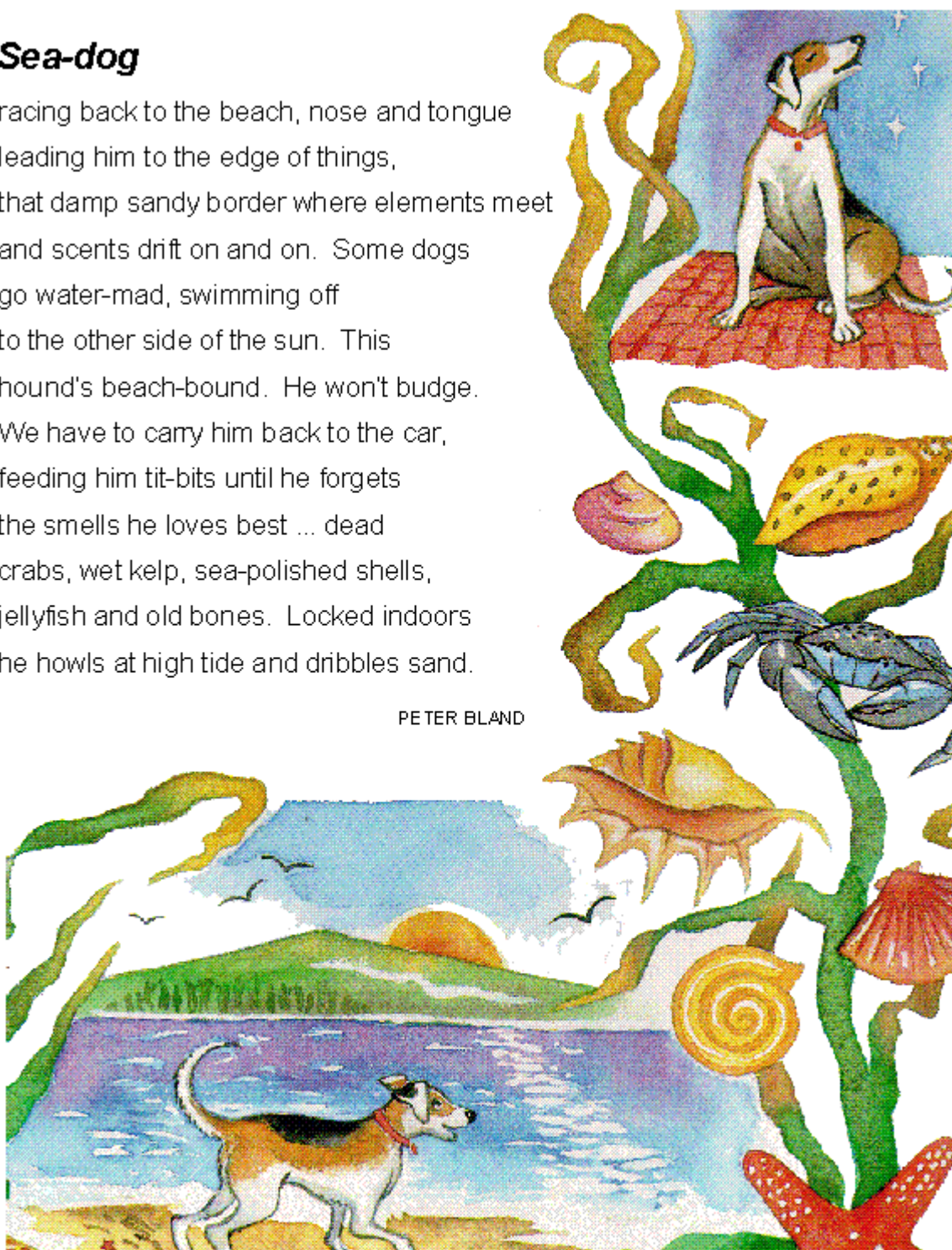


Sea-dog

racing back to the beach, nose and tongue
leading him to the edge of things,
that damp sandy border where elements meet
and scents drift on and on. Some dogs
go water-mad, swimming off
to the other side of the sun. This
hound's beach-bound. He won't budge.
We have to carry him back to the car,
feeding him tit-bits until he forgets
the smells he loves best ... dead
crabs, wet kelp, sea-polished shells,
jellyfish and old bones. Locked indoors
he howls at high tide and dribbles sand.

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Read the poem 'Sea-dog' to help answer the questions.

a) What does the dog like most about the beach?

b) What is meant by, "that damp sandy border where elements meet"?

c) What is another phrase in the poem that has a similar meaning to "where elements meet"?

d) The poem describes some dogs, "swimming off to the other side of the sun". What does this phrase mean?

e) The poem says, "This hound's beach-bound". What does "beach-bound" mean?

f) Write another phrase from the poem which shows the dog is "beach-bound".

g) "Swimming off to the other side of the sun" is an example of alliteration. Write another phrase from the poem which has an example of alliteration.
