FOR KILLER

A legend in the world of anti-poaching Alert and aware as these cruel men were approaching Quiet and obedient until Amos said 'Let's go' Avoiding bullets and pangas, Killer would stun the foe

A fiercely loyal protector Heaven help any intruder Who tried anything in the dark Killer would imitate the great black shark

His needs were simple, not a demanding dog Two square meals a day And the soft bed on which he lay And always, always, ready for a jog

Killer has big, beautiful and trusting eyes Which would light up when Amos, standing tall Gave the 5am Kruger anti-poaching K9 call When Killer would meet other dogs and their guides

He loved everyone in the K9 family
Other handlers could scratch him, quite happily
But Killer knew only too well
It was Amos to run to when he heard the dinner bell

Today we took him to the vet
One of the toughest days of our lives
Such a big brave dog and yet
The heart of a warrior and one that always forgives
But we all were comforted because we knew
That this very tough but gentle dog's spirit flew

At peace and at last pain-free New forests and oceans and friends to see Whereas you could hardly see Killer in the dark of night There is now a new star in the galaxy, burning bright



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