

TOUCH ME

**Touch me with your voice as a puppy young and new,
And let me know my presence is what is pleasing you.**

**Touch me with your spirit, for God sent me for you,
To teach you of that precious bond known by the choicest few.**

**Touch me with your hands as I grow tall and strong;
I need you as my mentor through out my whole life long.**

**Touch me with your lips, and brush them softly on my brow,
Please kiss away the fears that I am feeling now.**

**Touch me with your eyes as I become full grown,
To validate unspoken love that we have always known.**

**Touch me with your heart as our bond keeps growing stronger,
And words need not be used in our language any longer.**

**Touch me with your breath, so soft and warm upon my face,
As I try to bring you comfort in life's never ending race.**

**Touch me with your love when my muzzle turns to gray,
I live my life to please you, each and every single day.**

**Touch me with your scent when age has dimmed my sight,
To reassure me always that you will be my light.**

**Touch me with your face when your tears are meant for me,
So I may bear your pain and let your heart be free.**

**Touch me with remembrance when I have traveled on,
And, I will hold your heart in mine forever when I'm gone.**

Susan Krause
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