

# Alexander & Diogenes

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Alexander, Macedonian Boy-King,  
having arrived at conquered Corinth, said:  
"I would like to meet that famous madman  
this land of wisdom-loving fools has bred."

They met him in the market at high noon  
lying in a barrel, dirty and bare.  
The Boy-King said: "Stray dog! What is your wish?"  
and the philosopher spoke in despair:

"You do me honor, sire!  
I do indeed have but one.  
Kindly step to the left.  
You are blocking my sun."

In awe at the wisdom  
this vegabond possessed,  
To Aristotle, his tutor,  
he thus boldly confessed:

"If I could be  
anyone but me  
I'd rather be  
Diogenes--

Never to tire  
of lust or desire,  
fearing neither hellfire  
nor the seas."

