Ode to the Prairie Dog
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Come to the prairie, and let's have a peek
At the tree-less squirrel with the pear-shaped physique.

He inhabits the Plains and lives underground.
The networks of tunnels he digs are called "towns."

His preferred diet is grasses and roots;
In other words, he likes tubers and shoots.

He has a defense, although he is small;
He warns friends of predators with his bark-like call.

Most folks would say, "As a pet, I would never."
You have to admit, though, he is pretty clever.