

## "Ripe Old Age"

If it is your desire -  
To live to a 'Ripe old Age'  
You must go through the chapters -  
Live them page-by-page

First, there is your childhood -  
Not easy as you may think  
You must become socialized -  
Adapt or you will sink

There are many illness' -  
You might catch the flu  
The dangers of the playground -  
Be aware of every clue

Next you become a young adult -  
Get through those teenage years  
It can be an awkward time -  
And bring on many tears

When you reach majority -  
Live past twenty-one  
There are skills to master  
Can't stroll, you must run

The trials you must endure -  
Throughout your working life  
You must bring home the bacon -  
Perhaps a family and a wife

You may have achieved success -  
Moved into your middle years  
Many challenges survived -  
Put you through all the gears



Grandchildren and retirement -  
Now enjoy those 'Golden Years'  
The competition never ends -  
You must keep up with your peers

It's not easy growing old -  
You really must be tough  
The aches and pains you now feel -  
At times are very rough

You've past through all the stress -  
On the cusp of the 'Ripe Old Age'  
Congratulations are in order -  
Still here on life's grand stage

Perhaps it's time for more travel -  
Since you've downsized your home  
It's time to visit near and far -  
Grand adventures when you roam

Once you reach that 'Ripe Old Age' -  
Passed life's every test  
Coping with your senior maladies -  
You now deserve a rest

When come your final years -  
On your past you dwell  
Your futures all behind you -  
We trust you've lived it well

Yes, the future is all behind -  
On the downward slope of the hill  
Whatever lies ahead now -  
Only time will tell

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