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MASONIC EDUCATION

### The Old Masters Wages

I Met a Dear Old Man Today  
Who Wore a Masonic Pin  
It Was Old and Faded like the Man  
Its Edges Were Worn and Thin

I Approached the Park Bench Where He Sat  
To Give the Old Brother His Due  
I Said, "I See You've Traveled East  
He Said, "I Have, Have You"?

I Said, I Have  
And in My Day Before the All Seeing Sun  
I Played in the Rubble  
With Jubela Jubelo and Jubelum.

He Shouted, Don't Laugh at the Work My Son  
It's Good and Sweet and True.  
And If You've Traveled as You Said  
You Should Give These Things a Due.

The Work, the Sign, the Token,  
The Sweet Masonic Prayer.  
The Vow That You Have Taken  
You Have Climbed the Inner Stair.

The Wages of a Mason  
Are Never Paid in Gold  
But the Gain Comes from Contentment  
When You're Weak and Growing Old.

You See I've Carried My Obligations  
For Almost 50 Years  
It Has Helped Me Through the Hardships  
And the Failures Full of Tears.

Now I'm Losing My Mind and Body -  
Death Is near but I Don't Despair  
I've Lived My Life upon the Level  
And I'm Dying on the Square.

Sometimes the Greatest Lessons  
Are Those That Are Learned Anew  
And the Old Man in the Park Today  
Has Changed My Point of View.

To All My Masonic Brothers  
The Only Secret Is to Care  
May You Live upon the Level  
And Part upon the Square.

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