

# Old Man Inside A Young Man

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I was walking down the street  
When I met with Billy  
He shook his head at me  
And then he shook my hand  
He said, I've seen the world  
And I've done some living  
I don't believe in giving  
You've got to take it while you can

I'm an old man inside a young man  
You've got to take it while you can  
I'm just an old man inside a young man  
Take a heart and break it while you can

He said, I'm sick of whores,  
Madames and misses  
The only kiss for me  
Is the kiss of a knife  
There's no one thing on earth  
That I'm not through with  
What can I do with  
The rest of my life?

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Billy turned and he walked away  
He said, I must be going  
There's just no knowing  
Who follows me around  
They see my fancy clothes  
And they want to shoot me  
I'd rather be dead on my feet  
Than dead down in the ground

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