

## Old Man

### Ten Foot Pole

You tell me of a place where everybody knew their  
Neighbors all the families helped each other and no one  
Ever locked their doors you tell me no one locked their  
Doors old man please stay a while I know at first I seemed  
Too busy but now I'll make the time stay and tell me one  
More story tell me about the time you ditched school to go  
Fishing you thought the branch would hold your neighbor  
Pulled you from the river he helped you wash your clothes  
And stitch the hole in your trousers and your mom never  
Knew why he giggled when he saw you a place where no  
One locks their doors a place where no one locks their  
Doors you tell me that you would show me only now it is too  
Late I would like to build community only now it is too late  
Things can never be the way they were before you can't go  
Back to how things were before once the trust is gone  
Once the trust is gone once the trust is gone you'll lock the  
Door I can imagine that life but it seems so far from real it's  
Just like a story that's the kind of life I've never known old  
Man you're leaving now taking with you things I've never  
Known I wonder where you're going and if it would be like  
Your old home I hope you find the place you're looking for