

ONE DAY AT A TIME

MY OLD-TIMER THOUGHTS

YOUTH LAUGHS AT US OLD-TIMERS,
AND MAYBE YOUTH HAS CAUSE,
FOR WHEN YOUR HAIR GETS GRAY AND THIN
YOU DON'T EXPECT APPLAUSE;
PERHAPS WE'RE NOT SO HANDSOME,
PERHAPS WE'RE NOT SO SPRY,
BUT WHEN YOUTH GETS AS OLD AS US,
THE YOUTH WON'T WONDER WHY.

FOR WE HAVE FOUGHT THE BATTLES,
AND WE HAVE LED THE VAN,
AND MADE THIS LIFE AN EASIER ROAD
FOR MANY A YOUNGER MAN;
AND HE WILL DO TOMORROW
A LOT OF THINGS THAT PAY,
BECAUSE OLD-TIMERS THOUGHT THEM OUT
AND TRIED THEM YESTERDAY.

WE KNOW THE WORLD IS CHANGING,
THE WAYS OF TRADE ARE NEW;
MEN PUT NEW LABELS ON THEIR GOODS,
NEW ROOFS ON HOUSES, TOO.

BUT STILL THE OLD FOUNDATION
THAT SOME OLD-TIMER LAID
REMAINS THE CORNERSTONE OF ALL
THE PROGRESS MEN HAVE MADE.

JACK