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Editor's Note

Whether you're desperate to cling onto your youth or keen to join the ranks of the 'older and wiser' generation, getting old is one of life's inevitabilities. As time ticks by we are all forced to accept a waistline expanding more quickly than our granny pants can keep up with, frequent visits to the doctor's surgery and an inexplicable urge to sport a blue rinse. Despite the reading glasses, hearing aids and false teeth of these veterans, their sarcastic comments and witty remarks show that at least their sense of humour has remained firmly in place – even if everything else has taken a somewhat saggy journey southwards. Delight in the glory of the good old days and laugh out loud at bizarre epitaphs and obituaries as age-afflicted academics, comedians and actors share the trials and tribulations of getting old – some more disgracefully than others! Prescribe yourself a hearty dose of lighthearted humour with this selection of quotes, one-liners and witticisms from oldies who really should know better. It's just what the doctor ordered.

ACCEPTING OLD AGE

Old age is not so bad
when you consider the
alternative.

Maurice Chevalier

When it comes to age
we're all in the same
boat, only some of us
have been aboard a
little longer.

Leo Probst



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What's a man's age? He must hurry
more, that's all; Cram in a day what
his youth took a year to hold.

Robert Browning



Old age is like a plane flying through
a storm. Once you're aboard, there's
nothing you can do.

Golda Meir



Middle age ends and senescence
begins, The day your descendants
outnumber your friends.

Ogden Nash

ACCEPTING OLD AGE

Eventually you will reach a point
when you stop lying about your age
and start bragging about it.

Will Rogers



At my age I do what Mark Twain
did. I get my daily paper, look at the
obituaries page and if I'm not there I
carry on as usual.

Patrick Moore

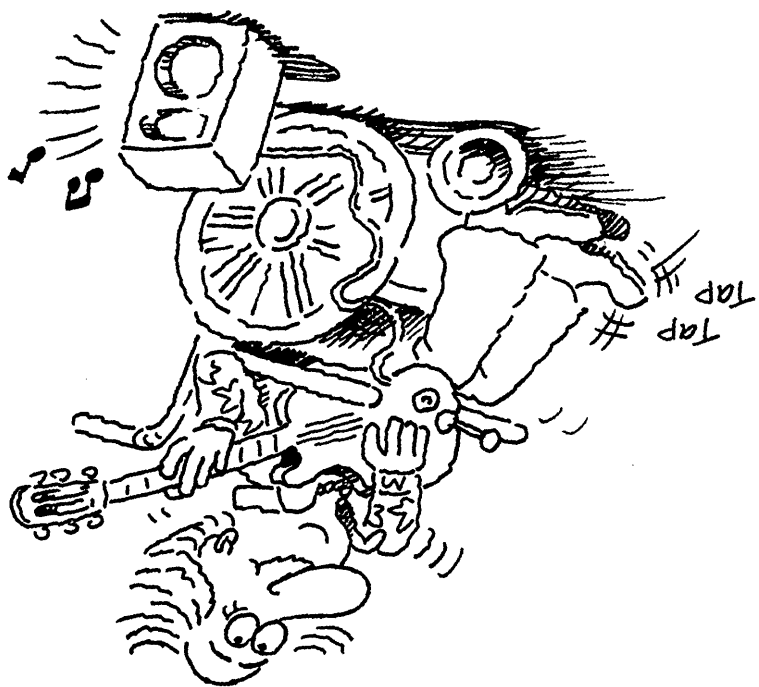


Getting old is a fascinating thing.
The older you get, the older you
want to get.

Keith Richards

I guess I don't so much
mind being old, as I mind
being fat and old.

Peter Gabriel



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At middle age the soul should be
opening up like a rose, not closing up
like a cabbage.

John Andrew Holmes



I always add a year to myself, so I'm
prepared for my next birthday. So
when I was 39, I was already 40.

Nicolas Cage



Don't let ageing get you down. It's
too hard to get back up.

John Wagner

ACCEPTING OLD AGE

I'm 59 and people call me middle-aged. How many 118-year-old men do you know?

Barry Cryer



Sure I'm for helping the elderly. I'm going to be old myself some day.

Lillian Carter



God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked.

Terry Wogan

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He said he planned to live for 200 years. I replied, 'Good, I'll be one of your pall-bearers.'

Angelo Fusco



I'd hate to die with a good liver, good kidneys and a good brain. When I die I want everything to be knackered.

Hamish Imlach

ACCEPTING OLD AGE

When I die I want to be buried in the
'No Smoking' section of
the graveyard.

Spike Milligan



I'm aiming to stop being an adolescent
by the time I'm 50.

Wendy Cage

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I want to live to be 80 so I can piss
more people off.

Charles Bukowski



I wouldn't like to die on stage. I'd
settle for room service and a couple
of dissipated women.

Peter O'Toole



When I die I want to be cremated, and
ten per cent of my ashes thrown in my
agent's face.

W. C. Fields

ACCEPTING OLD AGE

I should like to die in Manchester.
The transition between Manchester
and death would be almost
unnoticeable.

Lord Roseberry



When I die I want to go like my
grandfather, peacefully in his sleep.
Not screaming, like his passengers.

Anonymous



When I die I want to leave my body to
science fiction.

Steven Wright

What I look forward to
is continued immaturity,
followed by death.

Dave Barry



BENEFITS OF OLD AGE

Old age takes away
what we've inherited
and gives us what we've
earned.

Gerald Brenan

BENEFITS OF OLD AGE

I have enjoyed greatly the second blooming that comes when you finish the life of the emotions and of personal relations; and suddenly find ~ at the age of 50, say ~ that a whole new life has opened before you, filled with things you can think about, study, or read about... It is as if a fresh sap of ideas and thoughts was rising in you.

Agatha Christie

We don't grow older, we
grow ríper.

Pablo Picasso



One good thing about getting older is that if you're getting married, the phrase 'till death do us part' doesn't sound so horrible. It only means about 10 or 15 years and not the eternity it used to mean.

Joy Behar



The age of a woman doesn't mean a thing. The best tunes are played on the oldest fiddles.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

BENEFITS OF OLD AGE

Autumn is really the best of the seasons; and I'm not sure that old age isn't the best part of life.

C. S. Lewis



As you grow old, you lose interest in sex, your friends drift away, and your children often ignore you. There are other advantages, of course, but these are the outstanding ones.

Richard Needham

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It is sad to grow old but nice to ripen.

Brigitte Bardot



The more sand has escaped from the
hourglass of our life, the clearer we
should see through it.

Niccolo Machiavelli



One of the best parts of growing
older? You can flirt all you like since
you've become harmless.

Liz Smith

BENEFITS OF OLD AGE

Old age, believe me, is a good and pleasant thing. It is true you are gently shouldered off the stage, but then you are given such a comfortable front stall as spectator.

Jane Harrison



The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been.

Madeleine L'Engle

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You only have to survive in England
and all is forgiven you... if you can eat
a boiled egg at 90 in England they
think you deserve a Nobel Prize.

Alan Bennett



The great comfort of turning 49 is
the realisation that you are now too
old to die young.

Paul Dickson

BENEFITS OF OLD AGE

One of the good things about getting older is you find you're more interesting than most of the people you meet.

Lee Marvin



In old age we are like a batch of letters that someone has sent. We are no longer in the post, we have arrived.

Knut Hamsun

I've got cheekier with
age. You can get away
with murder when you're
71 years old. People
just think I'm a silly
old fool.

Bernard Manning



There's one advantage to being 102.
No peer pressure.

Dennis Wolfberg



Eighty's a landmark and people
treat you differently than they do
when you're 79. At 79, if you drop
something it just lies there. At 80,
people pick it up for you.

Helen Van Slyke



The whiter my hair becomes, the more
ready people are to believe
what I say.

Bertrand Russell

BENEFITS OF OLD AGE

Old age at least gives me an excuse
for not being very good at things that
I was not very good at when
I was young.

Thomas Sowell



No one expects you to run into a
burning building.

Sonya Plowman on the benefits of being old



When people are old enough to know
better, they're old enough to
do worse.

Hesketh Pearson

If you live long enough the
venerability factor creeps in. You get
accused of things you never did, and
praised for virtues you never had.

Laurence J. Peter



Death is one of the few things that
can be done just as easily
standing up.

Woody Allen

BENEFITS OF OLD AGE

Being 80 makes me feel like an
authority, especially when I say,
'I don't know.'

Peter Ustinov



They told me if I got older I'd get
wiser. In that case I must now
be a genius.

George Burns

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Getting old is a bit like being drunk.
Everyone else looks brilliant.

Billy Connolly



The great comfort of turning 40 is
the realisation that you are now too
old to die young.

Paul Dickson



One of the many pleasures of age is
looking back at the people one
didn't marry.

Rodney Dangerfield

BEING A GRANDPARENT

My grandmother's 90.
She's dating. He's
93. They never argue.
They can't hear
each other.

Cathy Ladman

My grandfather reached a hundred
and was then shot by a
jealous husband.

Finlay Currie



Granny said she was going to grow
old gracefully, but she left it too late.

Christine Kelly



My grandmother is 92 years old and
she hasn't a single grey hair.
She's bald.

Bernard Manning

BEING A GRANDPARENT

It's great being a grandmother. You
can send the kids home.

Whoopi Goldberg



When my husband left... he said, 'I
don't mind being a grandfather, but I
don't want to be married to
a grandmother.'

Viveca Lindfors



Anytime I appear on television my
granny turns her hearing aid off.

Julian Clary

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What's the difference between an Italian grandmother and an elephant?
Twenty pounds and a black dress.

Jim Davidson



Grandma would always take the news of a death hard with a gasp of, 'My God, I don't have a thing to wear.'

Erma Bombeck



My grandfather told me too much sex would make me go blind. He had his glasses on at the time.

Bill Hicks

ROMANTIC YEARNINGS

I used to demand good
looks. Now all I ask for
is a healthy prostate.

Joan Rivers

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

My husband will never chase another
woman. He's too fine, too decent...
too old.

Gracie Allen



Bill Wyman couldn't be here tonight.
He's at the hospital attending the
birth of his next wife.

Frank Worthington



You can both be in nappies at the
same time.

Sue Kolinsky on the advantage of having
children at 60

ROMANTIC YEARNINGS

An old man marrying a young girl is
like buying a book for someone
else to read.

Jim Thompson



He gave her a 20-carat diamond and
she gave him the mumps.

Stanley Davis on a millionaire and his child bride



I asked the life insurance man what
I'd get if my husband died tomorrow,
'About fifteen years,' he told me.

Bette Davis

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A man of 90 married a woman of 85.
They spent the honeymoon trying to
get out of the car.

Hal Roach



The widower married his first wife's
sister so he wouldn't have to break in
a new mother-in-law.

Tony Hancock



I must be getting old. I can't take yes
for an answer.

Fred Allen

ROMANTIC YEARNINGS

Wives are young men's mistresses,
companions for middle age, and old
men's nurses.

Francis Bacon



Marriage is a wonderful institution,
but who wants to live in an institution?

Groucho Marx



I'm all for May-December romances,
but BC and AD?

Michael Harkness on the marriage of Michael
Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

My best chat-up line? 'Hi, I'm
Hugh Hefner.'

Hugh Hefner at 72



Here's God's cruel joke: by the time
a guy figures out how women work, his
penis doesn't.

Adam Carolla



Old? He chases his secretary around
the desk but can't remember why.

Leopold Fechtner

ROMANTIC YEARNINGS

When you're 60 you get social
security, not girls.

Neil Simon



My wife told me I'd drive her to the
grave. I had the car out in two minutes.

Tommy Cooper



Yes, I'm dating again but I can't say
any more. We don't want to rush
into anything.

George Burns at 93

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Liz Taylor has been married so many times she has rice marks on her face.

Don Rickles



The old theory was, 'Marry an older man because they're more mature.'
The new one is, 'Men don't mature.
Marry a younger one.'

Rita Rudner

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY

When it comes to
staying young, a mind-
lift beats a face-lift
any day.

Marty Bucella

Age should not have its face lifted,
but it should rather teach the world
to admire wrinkles as the etching of
experience and the firm line
of character.

Clarence Day



Don't retouch my wrinkles in the
photograph. I would not want it to be
thought that I had lived for all these
years without having anything to
show for it.

The Queen Mother

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY

The best mirror is an old friend.

George Herbert



I'd like to grow very old as slowly
as possible.

Irene Mayer Selznick

Let us respect grey
hairs, especially
our own.

J. P. Sears

zzz



How foolish to think that one can
ever slam the door in the face of age.
Much wiser to be polite and gracious
and ask him to lunch in advance.

Noël Coward



A woman past 40 should make up her
mind to be young, and not her face.

Billie Burke

GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY

Time may be a great healer, but it's a
lousy beautician.

Unknown



I don't plan to grow old gracefully; I
plan to have facelifts until my
ears meet.

Rita Rudner

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The easiest way to diminish the appearance of wrinkles is to keep your glasses off when you look in the mirror.

Joan Rivers



Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.

Eleanor Roosevelt



The only real way to look younger is not to be born so soon.

Charles M. Schulz

AFFLICTIONS OF AGE

I don't deserve this.
But I have arthritis and
I don't deserve that
either.

Jack Benny on receiving an award towards the end
of his life

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I used to play football when I was
young but then my eyes went bad –
so I became a referee.

Eric Morecambe



I do, and I hope to have it replaced
very soon.

Terry Wogan on people saying he didn't know the
meaning of 'hip'.



I've got to the stage where I need my
false teeth and my hearing aid before
I can ask where I've left my glasses.

Stuart Turner

AFFLICTIONS OF AGE

I got used to my arthritis To my
dentures I'm resigned I can manage my
bifocals But Lord I miss my mind.

Anon



My knees are on their last legs.

Paul McGrath



Consciousness in my case is that
annoying time between naps.

Bob Hope

The old have everything
going for them. Their
hair's going, their
legs are going, their
eyesight's going...

Denys Humphries



When I get out of bed in the morning,
the only thing that doesn't hurt is
my pyjamas.

Terry Martin



'Do you know who I am?'
'No, but if you go up to the desk, the
matron might be able to help.'

Exchange between Gerald Ford and a patient at an
old folks home where he was making a speech



By the time a man is wise enough to
watch his step, he's too old to
go anywhere.

Earl Wilson

AFFLICTIONS OF AGE

I have a problem about nearing 60. I
keep waking up and thinking I'm 31.

Elizabeth Janeway



They say the first thing to go
when you're old is your legs or your
eyesight... The first thing to go is
parallel parking.

Kurt Vonnegut



Old age means bringing a packed
lunch when you climb the stairs.

Paddy Murray

The Alzheimer's patient's favourite
chat-up line is, 'Do I come
here often?'

Terry Wogan



It's not the hearing one misses, but
the overhearing.

David Wright



There is absolutely nothing to be
said in favour of growing old. There
ought to be legislation against it.

Patrick Moore

AFFLICTIONS OF AGE

The older a man gets, the farther he
had to walk to school as a boy.

Henry Brightman



The older you get the stronger the
wind gets – and it's always in
your face.

Jack Nicklaus



I refused to go on that Grumpy Old
Men programme because I said, 'If I
go on, I will be grumpy about
grumpy old men.'

Stephen Fry

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Some grow bitter with age; the more
their teeth drop out, the more biting
they get.

George D. Prentice



There's no law that decrees when not
to whinge, but you reach a certain age
– 80 seems about right – when you're
expected to manifest querulousness –
the coffee's too hot, the boiled
egg's too soft...

Clement Freud

AFFLICTIONS OF AGE

My Uncle Sammy was an angry man.
He had printed on his tombstone:
'What are you looking at?'

Margaret Smith



If old people were to mobilise en
masse they would constitute a
formidable fighting force, as anyone
who has ever had the temerity to try to
board a bus ahead of a little old lady
with an umbrella well knows.

Vera Forrester

HEALTH AND EXERCISE

Exercise daily. Eat
wisely. Die anyway.

Unknown

HEALTH AND EXERCISE

At my age getting a second doctor's
opinion is kinda like switching
slot machines.

Jimmy Carter



To win back my youth... there is
nothing I wouldn't do - except take
exercise, get up early, or be a useful
member of the community.

Oscar Wilde



The denunciation of the young is
a necessary part of the hygiene of
older people, and greatly assists in
the circulation of their blood.

Logan Pearsall Smith

If I'm feeling really wild
I don't floss before
bedtime.

Judith Viorst



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People who say you're just as old as
you feel are all wrong, fortunately.

Russell Baker



I'd like to learn to ski but I'm 44 and
I'm worried about my knees. They
creak a lot and I'm afraid they might
start an avalanche.

Jonathan Ross

HEALTH AND EXERCISE

When I was 40, my doctor advised me that a man in his 40s shouldn't play tennis. I heeded his advice carefully and could hardly wait until I reached 50 to start again.

Hugo L. Black



I am getting to an age when I can only enjoy the last sport left. It is called hunting for your spectacles.

Sir Edward Grey

Old people should not eat
health foods. They need all the
preservatives they can get.

Robert Orben



I've just become a pensioner so I've
started saving up for my own
hospital trolley.

Tom Baker

HEALTH AND EXERCISE

If, at the age of 30, you are stiff and out of shape, then you are old. If, at 60, you are supple and strong, then you are young.

Joseph Pilates



If you rest, you rust.

Helen Hayes

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Middle age is when you are not
inclined to exercise anything
but caution.

Arthur Murray



You can't be as old as I am without
waking up with a surprised look
on your face every morning: 'Holy
Christ, what da ya know - I'm still
around!' It's absolutely amazing that
I survived all the booze and smoking
and the cars and the career.

Paul Newman

HEALTH AND EXERCISE

I don't want a flu jab. I like getting flu.
It gives me something else to
complain about.

David Letterman



One of the advantages of being 70
is that you need only 4 hours' sleep.
True, you need it 4 times a day,
but still.

Denis Norden

Each year it grows
harder to make ends
meet ~ the ends I refer
to are hands and feet.

Richard Armour



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

I keep fit. Every morning, I do a
hundred laps of an Olympic-sized
swimming pool
~ in a small motor launch.

Peter Cook



Now I'm getting older I take health
supplements: geranium, dandelion,
passionflower, hibiscus. I feel great,
and when I pee, I experience the fresh
scent of potpourri.

Sheila Wenz



If I'd known I was gonna live this long,
I'd have taken better care of myself.

Eubie Blake

HEALTH AND EXERCISE

Now I'm over 50 my doctor says I
should go out and get more fresh air
and exercise. I said, 'All right, I'll drive
with the car window open.'

Angus Walker



When you get to my age life seems
little more than one long march to and
from the lavatory.

John Mortimer



As for me, except for an occasional
heart attack, I feel as young as
I ever did.

Robert Benchley

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

I'm pushing 60. That's enough
exercise for me.

Mark Twain



I'm 43, and for the first time this year
I have felt older. I'm slowly becoming
more decrepit. I think you just move to
the country and wear an old fleece.

Jennifer Saunders



Do I exercise? Well I once jogged to
the ashtray.

Will Self

HEALTH AND EXERCISE

My mother is no spring chicken
although she has got as many
chemicals in her as one.

Dame Edna Everage, alter ego of Australian
comedian Barry Humphries



The only exercise I get these days is
taking the cufflinks out of one shirt
and putting them into another.

Ring Lardner



My best exercise these days is rolling
my oxygen tank around like a beach
ball when I get out of bed.

Marlon Brando

If you want to know
what you'll look like in
ten years' time, look in
the mirror after you've
run a marathon.

Jeff Scaff



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The only form of exercise I take
is massage.

Truman Capote



I had a muscle that twitched all day
yesterday. It's the most exercise I've
had in years.

Terry Martin



My husband hasn't been a well man,
I've had his prostate hanging over my
head for years.

Dame Edna Everage

HEALTH AND EXERCISE

There is no human activity which
some doctor somewhere won't
discover leads directly to
cardiac arrest.

John Mortimer



You die of a heart attack with the
Atkins diet, but so what? At least
you die thin.

Bob Geldof



Too late for fruit, too soon
for flowers.

Walter de La Mare after recovering from a life-
threatening illness

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

When I was admitted to the heart
unit, somebody sent me a 'Get Well'
card that said, 'We didn't know
you had one.'

Brian Clough



The best part of a hospital is the
exit door.

Tom Brady



My doctor told me I had
hypochondria. 'Not that as well!'
I said.

Kenny Everett

HEALTH AND EXERCISE

The doctor told me I was in good
shape for a man of 70. It's a pity
I'm only 50.

Les Dawson



The doctor told his patient he had
Alzheimer's and cancer. The patient
replied, 'Oh well, at least I don't
have cancer.'

Henny Youngman



I don't want to put my life in the
hands of anyone who believes in
reincarnation.

Glenn Super on Indian doctors

My doctor told me to
watch my drinking, so
now I do it in front of
the mirror.

Rodney Dangerfield



YOUR ROUND,
I THINK!

Doctors are always telling us that
drinking shortens your life. Well I've
seen more old drunkards than
old doctors.

Edward Phillips



A miracle drug is any one that will do
what the label says.

Eric Hodgins

HEALTH AND EXERCISE

I had a cholesterol test. They
found bacon.

Bob Zany



'Doctor, my irregular heartbeat is
bothering me.'
'Don't worry, we'll soon put a stop
to that.'

Fred Metcalf

My doctor said I looked like a million
dollars – all green and wrinkled.

Red Skelton



I went to the doctor. 'How do I
stand?' I asked him. He said, 'It's a
bloody mystery to me.'

Les Dawson



My doctor told me to do something
that puts me out of breath, so I've
taken up smoking again.

Jo Brand

HEALTH AND EXERCISE

The ultimate indignity is to be given
a bedpan by a stranger who calls you
by your first name.

Maggie Kuhn



My doctor gave me three pills. The
blue one is for before dinner. The red
one is for after dinner, and the yellow
one is dinner.

Leopold Fechtner



I'm a bit worried about my last visit to
the doctor. He told me not to start
reading any serials.

Danny Cummings

CREATIVE MATHEMATICS

I've told so many lies
about my age I've made
my children illegitimate.

Jessie Kesson

CREATIVE MATHEMATICS

I would say I was 99, dahling.

Zsa Zsa Gabor after being asked what she would do
if she lived to be 100



If you're 39, tell people you're 55 and
they'll think you look brilliant.

Frank Hall



Candidates must be over 35, and
where are you going to find a woman
who'll admit to that?

Bob Hope on why a woman could never be
President of America

Allow me to put the record straight: I
am 46, and have been for some
years past.

Erica Jong



Thirty-five is a very attractive age
for a woman. London society is full of
women who have remained 35
for years.

Oscar Wilde



The worst thing anybody ever said to
me is that I'm 60. Which I am.

Joan Rivers

CREATIVE MATHEMATICS

She asked me what age she was...
'I'm not sure,' I said eventually, 'but
whatever it is, you don't look it.'

Sid Caesar



My mother is going to have to stop
lying about her age because pretty
soon I'm going to be older than she is.

Tripp Evans



The best years of Joan Collins' life
were the ten years between
39 and 40.

Don Rickles

Looking 50 is great,
especially if you're 60.

Fran Lebowitz

YES I'M 60-
THOUGH I PREFER
TO SAY, 'POST-YOUTH'.



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

I just tell people I'm as old as my wife.
Then I lie about her age.

Fred Metcalf



She said she was approaching 40,
and I couldn't help wondering from
what direction.

Bob Hope



The older I get, the older old is.

Tom Baker

CREATIVE MATHEMATICS

Old age is always 15 years older than
what I am.

Bernard Baruch



I do wish I could tell you my age but
it's impossible. It keeps changing
all the time.

Greer Garson



I believe in loyalty; I think when a
woman reaches an age she likes she
should stick to it.

Eva Gabor

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Professionally, I have no age.

Kathleen Turner



I'm as old as my tongue and a little bit
older than my teeth.

Kris Kringle



I'm 60 years of age. That's
16 Celsius.

George Carlin

CREATIVE MATHEMATICS

I am just turning 40 and taking my time
about it.

Harold Lloyd, US actor and filmmaker at age 77



I was born in 1962. True. And the
room next to me was 1963.

Joan Rivers



I refuse to admit that I am more than
52, even if that makes my children
illegitimate.

Nancy Astor

Age is a number – mine is unlisted.

Unknown



I'm not 40, I'm 18 with 22 years
experience.

Unknown



Whenever the talk turns to age, I say I
am 49 plus VAT.

Lionel Blair

CREATIVE MATHEMATICS

We're obsessed with age. Numbers are always and pointlessly attached to every name that's published in a newspaper: 'Joe Creamer, 43, and his daughter, Tiffany-Ann, 9, were merrily chasing a bunny, 2, when Tiffany-Ann tripped on the root of a tree, 106.'

Joan Rivers

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

I still think of myself as I was 25 years ago. Then I look in the mirror and see an old bastard and I realise it's me.

Dave Allen



No woman should ever be quite accurate about her age. It looks so calculating.

Oscar Wilde



I don't know how old I am because the goat ate the Bible that had my birth certificate in it. The goat lived to be 27.

Satchel Paige

CREATIVE MATHEMATICS

She may very well pass for 43 in the
dusk with the light behind her!

W. S. Gilbert



First women subtract from their age,
then they divide it, and then they
extract its square root.

Unknown



I'm 65 and I guess that puts me in with
the geriatrics. But if there were 15
months in every year, I'd only be 48.
That's the trouble with us. We number
everything. Take women, for example. I
think they deserve to have more than 12
years between the ages of 28 and 40.

James Thurber

REGRETS, I'VE HAD A FEW

The only thing that
bothers me about
growing older is that
when I see a pretty
girl now it arouses my
memory instead of
my hopes.

Milton Berle

REGRETS, I'VE HAD A FEW

One starts to get young at the age of
60, and then it is too late.

Pablo Picasso



I often sit back and think, 'I wish
I'd done that'... and find out that I
already have.

Richard Harris



Oh to be 70 again!

Georges Clemenceau on his 80th birthday after
spotting a pretty girl

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Any regrets? Yes, I'd like to have
tried more positions.

Groucho Marx at 72



Nostalgia ain't what it used to be

Jackie Mason

REGRETS, I'VE HAD A FEW

If I had my life to live over, I'd like to
live over a Chinese restaurant.

John Junkin



My only regret in life is that I didn't
drink more champagne.

John Maynard Keynes

I have more skeletons
in my closet than the
Smithsonian Institute.

Ben Jones



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Early to rise and early to bed makes
a man healthy, wealthy and dead.

James Thurber



Old age is the happiest time in a
man's life. The worst of it is, there's
so little of it.

W. S. Gilbert



I wasted time, and now doth time
waste me.

William Shakespeare, *Richard III*

IMMORTALITY

Millions long for
immortality who do not
know what to do with
themselves on a rainy
Sunday afternoon.

Susan Ertz

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

He had decided to live forever or die
in the attempt.

Joseph Heller



The first step to eternal life is you
have to die.

Chuck Palahniuk



There's nothing wrong with you that
reincarnation won't cure.

Jack E. Leonard

IMMORTALITY

The only thing wrong with immortality
is that it tends to go on forever.

Herb Caen



If you live to be one hundred you've
got it made. Very few people die
past that age.

George Burns



I intend to live forever. So far,
so good.

Stephen Wright

I don't want to achieve
immortality through my
work, I want to achieve it
through not dying.

Woody Allen



**MEMORY'S THE FIRST
THING TO GO**

I remember your name
perfectly. I just can't
think of your face.

Oscar Wilde

MEMORY'S THE FIRST THING TO GO

Whenever I meet a man whose name
I can't remember, I give myself two
minutes. If it is a hopeless case, I
always say 'And how is the
old complaint?'

Charles Dickens



My grandfather found a cure for
amnesia, but he could never remember
what it was.

Henny Youngman



It's OK to have sex after a heart
attack. But don't forget to close the
ambulance door.

Phyllis Diller

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

How comforting it is, once or twice a
year, to get together and forget the
old times.

James Fenton



A woman never forgets her age –
once she decides what it is.

Stanley Davis



The older we get, the better we
used to be.

John McEnroe

MEMORY'S THE FIRST THING TO GO

God gave us our memories so that we
might have roses in December.

J. M. Barrie



Do you remember the good old days?
And the bad old nights?

Bob Monkhouse



I have a memory like an elephant. In
fact elephants often consult me.

Nöel Coward

Remembering something
at the first try is now as
good as an orgasm.

Gloria Steinem



OH YES! YES, YES,
YES! OH GOD YES!
OH GOD... YES!
YES!... I JUST
REMEMBERED
I LEFT THE
IRON ON!...

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

By the time you reach 75 years of age you've learnt everything. All you have to do is try and remember it.

George Coote



As you get older three things happen. The first is your memory goes, and I can't remember the other two...

Norman Wisdom



I believe the true function of age is memory. I'm recording as fast as I can.

Rita Mae Brown

MEMORY'S THE FIRST THING TO GO

Once you've accumulated sufficient knowledge to get by, you're too old to remember it.

Unknown



They will all have heard that story of yours before ~ but if you tell it well they won't mind hearing it again.

Thora Hird



After the age of 80, everything reminds you of something else.

Lowell Thomas

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Interviewer: Can you remember any
of your past lives?

The Dalai Lama: At my age I have a problem
remembering what happened yesterday.



By the time you're 80 years old
you've learned everything. You only
have to remember it.

George Burns

AGEING ROUND THE MIDDLE

Middle age is when
you're willing to give up
your seat to a lady on
the bus, and can't.

Sammy Kaye

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Middle age is the period in life when
your idea of getting ahead is
staying even.

Herbert Prochnow



One of the hardest decisions in life is
when to start middle age.

Clive James



Beware of what you wish for in
youth, for in middle age you will surely
achieve it.

Johann W. Von Goethe

AGEING ROUND THE MIDDLE

I wouldn't mind being called middle-aged if I knew a few more 100-year-old people.

Dean Martin



Middle age is when we can do just as much as ever – but would rather not.

Dan Kiely



You know you've reached middle age when the kids will allow you to pick them up from school, but not get out of the car.

Gary Ryan

Youth tends to look
ahead. Old age tends
to look back. Middle
age tends to look
worried.

James Simpson



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

The hands of my biological clock are
giving me the fingers.

Wendy Liebman



Middle age is when you look at the
rain teeming down and say, 'That'll be
good for the garden.'

Grace Marshall



Women stop worrying about
becoming pregnant and men start
worrying about looking like they are.

Fred Metcalf on middle age

AGEING ROUND THE MIDDLE

Middle age is the time of life that a
man first notices in his wife.

Richard Armour



Middle age is the awkward period
when Father Time starts catching up
with Mother Nature.

Harold Coffin



Middle age is when, whenever you go
on holiday, you pack a sweater.

Denis Norden

It's hard to feel middle-aged, because
how can you tell how long you are
going to live?

Mignon McLaughlin



Middle age is when your broad mind
and narrow waist begin to
change places.

E. Joseph Cossman



Middle age is when you're old enough
to know better but still young enough
to do it.

Ogden Nash

AGEING ROUND THE MIDDLE

Middle age is the time when a man is always thinking that in a week or two he will feel as good as ever.

Don Marquis



Years ago we discovered the exact point, the dead centre of middle age. It occurs when you are too young to take up golf and too old to rush to the net.

Franklin Adams



Middle age is when work is a lot less fun, and fun is a lot more work.

Milton Berle

Setting a good example for your
children takes all the fun out of
middle age.

William Feather



Middle Age: When you begin to
exchange your emotions
for symptoms.

Georges Clemenceau



Middle age is when your classmates
are so grey and wrinkled and bald
they don't recognise you.

Bennett Cerf

AGEING ROUND THE MIDDLE

Middle age is when it takes you all night to do once what once you used to do all night.

Kenny Everett



The enemy of society is middle class and the enemy of life is middle age.

Orson Welles

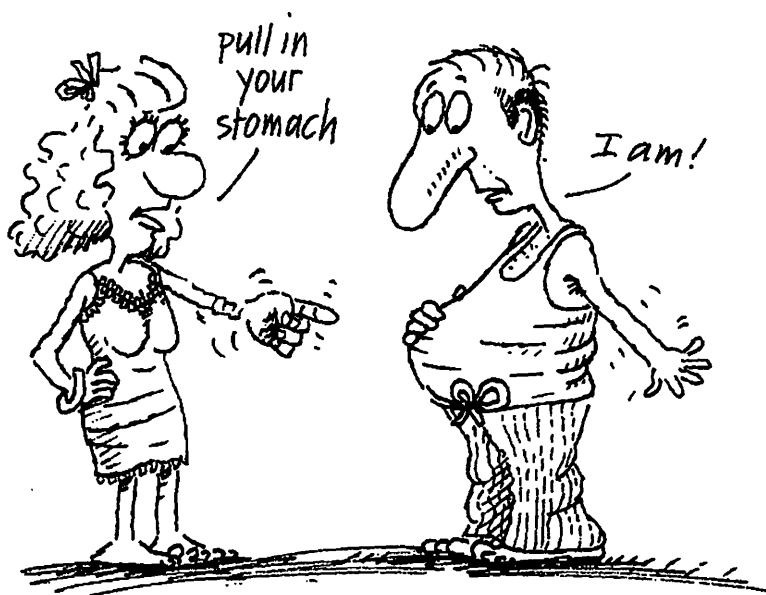


Middle age is when everything new you feel is likely to be a symptom.

Dr Laurence J. Peter

Middle age is the time in
life when, after pulling in
your stomach, you look
as if you ought to pull in
your stomach.

Unknown



Spiritual sloth, or acedia, was known as The Sin of the Middle Ages. It's the sin of my middle age, too.

Mignon McLaughlin



The long, dull, monotonous years of middle-aged prosperity or middle-aged adversity are excellent campaigning weather for the devil.

C. S. Lewis

AGEING ROUND THE MIDDLE

You know you've reached middle age when your weightlifting consists merely of standing up.

Bob Hope



Mid-life crisis is that moment when you realise your children and your clothes are about the same age.

William D. Tammeus

Middle age is when
you're sitting at home on
a Saturday night and
the telephone rings and
you hope it isn't for you.

Ogden Nash



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Middle age is when your age starts to
show around your middle.

Bob Hope



Middle Age ~ later than you think
and sooner than you expect.

Earl Wilson



The really frightening thing about
middle age is the knowledge that
you'll grow out of it.

Doris Day

AGEING ROUND THE MIDDLE

If you want to recapture your youth,
just cut off his allowance.

Al Bernstein



Middle age is when you choose your
cereal for the fibre, not the toy.

Unknown



Middle age is when you're faced with
two temptations and you choose the
one that will get you home by
nine o'clock.

Ronald Reagan

TIME'S WINGED CHARIOT

At my back | often hear
time's winged chariot
changing gear.

Eric Linklater

TIME'S WINGED CHARIOT

George Burns is so old, he has an autographed bible.

Sid Caesar



Bob Hope is alive, but only in the sense that he can't be legally buried.

Steven Bauer



There comes a time in every woman's life when the only thing that helps is a glass of champagne.

Bette Davis

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Inside every 70 year old is a 35 year
old asking, 'What happened?'

Ann Landers



An interviewer once asked me how I
felt getting up in the morning at 88.
'Amazed,' I told him.

George Burns



Time is the best teacher.
Unfortunately, it kills all its students.

Billy Crystal

TIME'S WINGED CHARIOT

Life is a table d'hôte meal, with Time
changing the plates before you've
had enough of anything.

Tom Kettle



I don't know that my behaviour has
improved with age.

Jimmy Connors



The first 40 years of life give us the
text: the next 30 supply
the commentary.

Arthur Schopenhauer

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

As we grow older, our bodies get shorter and our anecdotes longer.

Robert Quillen



You know you've grown up when you become obsessed with the thermostat.

Jeff Foxworthy



As one grows older, one becomes wiser and more foolish.

François de La Rochefoucauld

TIME'S WINGED CHARIOT

An old man looks permanent, as if he
had been born an old man.

H. E. Bates



Old age is when you resent the
swimsuit issue of *Sports Illustrated*
because there are fewer articles
to read.

George Burns



Time and trouble will tame an
advanced young woman, but an
advanced old woman is uncontrollable
by any earthly force.

Dorothy L. Sayers

Old age means realising
you will never own all the
dogs you wanted to.

Joe Gores



Forty is the old age of youth; fifty is
the youth of old age.

French proverb



Growing old is no more than a bad
habit, which a busy person has no
time to form.

Andre Maurois

TIME'S WINGED CHARIOT

Age seldom arrives smoothly or quickly. It's more often a succession of jerks.

Jean Rhys



The essence of age is intellect. Wherever that appears, we call it old.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

NOT GROWING UP

It takes a long time to
grow young.

Pablo Picasso

NOT GROWING UP

Life would be infinitely happier if we could only be born at the age of 80 and gradually approach 18.

Mark Twain



Age does not diminish the extreme disappointment of having a scoop of ice cream fall from the cone.

Jim Fiebig



The surprising thing about young fools is how many survive to become old fools.

Doug Larson

The older you get the more important
it is not to act your age.

Ashleigh Brilliant



Growing old is compulsory, growing
up is optional.

Bob Monkhouse



You're only young once, but you can
be immature forever.

John Greier

NOT GROWING UP

The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm.

Aldous Huxley



Almost all my middle-aged and elderly acquaintances, including me, feel about 25, unless we haven't had our coffee, in which case we feel 107.

Martha Beck



The tragedy of old age is not that one is old, but that one is young.

Oscar Wilde

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

I've got to go and see the old folk.

The Queen Mother at age 97, spotting a group of pensioners at Cheltenham Racecourse



Inside every older person is a younger person wondering what the hell happened.

Cora Harvey Armstrong



I plan on growing old much later in life, or maybe not at all.

Patty Carey

NOT GROWING UP

Fifty is the new 34.

Tom Hanks

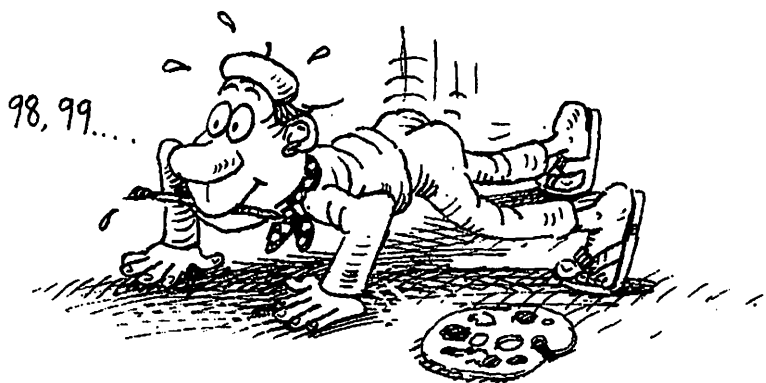


Few people know how to be old.

Maggie Kuhn

When they tell me I'm
too old to do something,
I attempt it immediately.

Pablo Picasso



BODILY BETRAYAL

My body, on the move,
resembles in sight and
sound nothing so much
as a bin liner full of
yoghurt.

Stephen Fry

BODILY BETRAYAL

When I hit my thirties I found there
was less hair on my head and more
in my ears.

Robert Wuhl



I try to wear my scarf so tightly fixed
under my chin that it holds in place
the loose flesh.

Quentin Crisp



I've started to use my left breast as a
bath plug.

Joan Rivers

They say you're only as old as you
feel; in which case I probably died six
years ago.

Joe O'Connor



She couldn't wait to be old enough
to get a facelift so she could
look younger.

Gene Perret

BODILY BETRAYAL

It is obscene to think that some day
one will look like an old map
of France.

Brigitte Bardot



I'm so old that when I get up in the
morning I sound like I'm making
popcorn.

Lawrence Taylor

Jo Brand's facelift didn't work. They
found another one just like
it underneath.

Garry Bushell



Old cooks never die. They just
go to pot.

Nigel Rees

BODILY BETRAYAL

I've spent so much money on plastic surgery it would have been cheaper to change my DNA.

Joan Rivers



The best way to prevent sagging as you grow older is to keep eating till the wrinkles fall out.

John Candy

A lot of girls would have hourglass
figures if time hadn't shifted
the sands.

Stanley Davis



I'm ageing about as well as a beach
party movie.

Harvey Fierstein

BODILY BETRAYAL

Old age puts more wrinkles in our
minds than on our faces.

Michel de Montaigne



I have a body like a rebuilt jeep.

Ernest Hemingway

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

I'm in pretty good shape for the
shape I'm in.

Mickey Rooney at 58



Old age is when things begin to wear
out, fall out and spread out.

Beryl Pfizer



I don't want anything else on my body
that might fall off.

Gene Perret on refusing to wear a beeper

BODILY BETRAYAL

Drinking removes warts and wrinkles
from women I look at.

Jackie Gleason



I'm so wrinkled I can screw my hat on.

Phyllis Diller



Have you not a moist eye, a dry
hand, a yellow cheek, a white beard,
a decreasing leg, an increasing belly?
Is not your voice broken, your wind
short, your chin double, your wit
single, and every part about you
blasted with antiquity?

William Shakespeare

Old accountants never die. They
just lose their figures.

Audrey Austin



An incurable optimist is a bloke who
gets married at 88 and buys a house
near a school.

Frank Carson



You don't know real embarrassment
until your hip sets off a
metal detector.

Ross McGuinness

BODILY BETRAYAL

You know you're getting old when
everything hurts. And what doesn't
hurt doesn't work.

Hy Gardner



I don't want to end up in an old folk's
home wearing incompetence pads. I'm
still compost mentis.

Harriet Wynn



Many of us are at the 'metallic' age –
gold in our teeth, silver in our hair, and
lead in our pants.

Unknown

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

It's been said that if you're not radical at 20, you have no heart; if you're still radical at 40, you have no brain. Of course, either way, at 60 you usually have no teeth.

Bill Maher



They say that age is all in your mind. The trick is keeping it from creeping down into your body.

Unknown



I don't need you to remind me of my age, I have a bladder to do that for me.

Stephen Fry

BODILY BETRAYAL

Life begins at 40 – but so do fallen arches, rheumatism, faulty eyesight, and the tendency to tell a story to the same person three or four times.

Helen Rowland



Advanced old age is when you sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.

Eliakim Katz



Everything slows down with age, except the time it takes cake and ice cream to reach your hips.

John Wagner

I knew I was going bald
when it was taking
longer and longer to
wash my face.

Harry Hill



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

My friend George has false teeth –
with braces on them.

Steven Wright



I don't feel 80. In fact I don't feel
anything until noon, then it's time
for my nap.

Bob Hope



They talk about the economy this
year. Hey, my hairline is in recession,
my waistline is in inflation. Altogether,
I'm in a depression.

Rick Majerus

BODILY BETRAYAL

It's extraordinary. My mother doesn't need glasses at all and here I am at 52, 56 – well, whatever age I am – and can't see a thing.

Queen Elizabeth II



Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.

Mark Twain



35 is when you finally get your head together and your body starts falling apart.

Caryn Leschen

My grandma told me, 'The good news is, after menopause the hair on your legs gets really thin and you don't have to shave any more. Which is great because it means you have more time to work on your new moustache.'

Karen Haber



Robert Redford used to be such a handsome man and now look at him: everything has dropped, expanded and turned a funny colour.

George Best

BODILY BETRAYAL

After a certain number of years our
faces become our biographies.

Cynthia Ozick



I have the body of an 18 year old. I
keep it in the fridge.

Spike Milligan

Thoughtfulness begets wrinkles.

Charles Dickens



I had a job selling hearing aids from door to door. It wasn't easy, because your best prospects never answered.

Bob Monkhouse

BODILY BETRAYAL

Beauty and ugliness disappear
equally under the wrinkles of age; one
is lost in them, the other hidden.

Jonathan Petit Senn



Like a lot of fellows around here, I
have a furniture problem. My chest
has fallen into my drawers.

Billy Casper

At 75, I sleep like a log. I never have to get up in the middle of the night to go to the bathroom. I go in the morning. Every morning, like clockwork, at 7 a.m., I pee. Unfortunately, I don't wake up till 8.

Harry Beckworth



Alas, after a certain age every man is responsible for his face.

Albert Camus

BODILY BETRAYAL

I'm at an age where my back goes out
more than I do.

Phyllis Diller



Grey hair is God's graffiti.

Bill Cosby

I used to think I'd like less grey hair.
Now I'd like more of it.

Richie Benaud



I recently had my annual physical examination, which I get once every seven years, and when the nurse weighed me, I was shocked to discover how much stronger the Earth's gravitational pull has become since 1990.

Dave Barry

RETIREMENT

When you're not
interested in trying new
things, that's when you
should start hitting
golf balls.

Clint Eastwood

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Americans hardly ever retire from business. They're either carried out feet first or they jump from a window.

A. L. Goodhart



I want to retire at 50. I want to play cricket and geriatric football and sing in the choir.

Neil Kinnock



It's too late for me to retire now.

Michael Caine at 70

RETIREMENT

I'm retired, but it's an Irish retirement
so I have to work to support it.

Dave Allen



I wasn't very flattered by the boss on
my retirement day. He said he wasn't
so much losing a worker as gaining a
parking space.

Fred Allen



Lady Bancroft and I have 80,000
golden reasons for retiring, and every
one of them is lodged in the bank.

Squire Bancroft

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

You don't need to retire as an actor.
There are lots of parts you can play
lying in bed and in wheelchairs.

Judi Dench



An insurance salesman just signed me
up for a marvellous retirement policy.
If I keep up the payments for ten
years, he can retire.

Fred Metcalf



People ought to retire at 40 when
they feel over-used and go back to
work at 65 when they feel useless.

Sister Carol Anne O'Marie

RETIREMENT

Retired is being tired twice... first
tired of working, then tired of not.

Richard Armour



It's very hard to make a home for a
man if he's always in it.

Winifred Kirkland



I don't want to retire. I'm not that
good at crossword puzzles.

Norman Mailer

When men reach their sixties and retire, they go to pieces. Women go right on cooking.

Gail Sheehy



My parents live in a retirement community, which is basically a minimum-security prison with a golf course.

Joel Warshaw

RETIREMENT

When a man retires his wife gets twice
the husband but only half the income.

Chi Chi Rodriguez



When a man falls into his anecdotage,
it is a sign for him to retire from
the world.

Benjamin Disraeli

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

We spend our lives on the run: we get up by the clock, eat and sleep by the clock, get up again, go to work – and then we retire. And what do they give us? A bloody clock.

Dave Allen



The best time to start thinking about your retirement is before the boss does.

Unknown



Don't retire, retread!

Robert Otterbourg

RETIREMENT

The trouble with retirement is that
you never get a day off.

Abe Lemons



I'm 42 around the chest, 52 around
the waist, 92 around the golf course
and a nuisance around the house.

Groucho Marx



Once it was impossible to find any
Bond villains older than myself,
I retired.

Roger Moore

SECRETS OF LONGEVITY

You can live to be a
hundred if you give up
all the things that make
you want to live to be
a hundred.

Woody Allen

SECRETS OF LONGEVITY

The secret of staying young is to
live honestly, eat slowly and lie about
your age.

Lucille Ball



I've found a formula for avoiding these
exaggerated fears of age; you take
care of every day ~ let the calendar
take care of the years.

Ed Wynn



Interviewer: 'You've reached the ripe
old age of 121. What do you expect
the future will be like?'

'Very short.'

Jeanne Calment

Every one desires to live long, but no
one would be old.

Jonathan Swift



My first advice on how not to
grow old would be to choose your
ancestors carefully.

Bertrand Russell



The fountain of youth is a mixture of
gin and vermouth.

Cole Porter

SECRETS OF LONGEVITY

Old age is like everything else. To
make a success of it, you've got to
start young.

Theodore Roosevelt



The trick is growing up without
growing old.

Casey Stengel



It's a good idea to obey all the rules
when you're young just so you'll have
the strength to break them when
you're old.

Mark Twain

Ageing seems to be the only available
way to live a long life.

Daniel Francois Esprit Auber



I'll tell ya how to stay young: Hang
around with older people.

Bob Hope



Age is getting to know all the ways
the world turns, so that if you cannot
turn the world the way you want, you
can at least get out of the way so you
won't get run over.

Miriam Makeba

SECRETS OF LONGEVITY

The idea is to die young as late
as possible.

Ashley Montagu



A man 90 years old was asked to
what he attributed his longevity. |
reckon, he said, with a twinkle in his
eye, it's because most nights | went to
bed and slept when | should have sat
up and worried.

Dorothea Kent

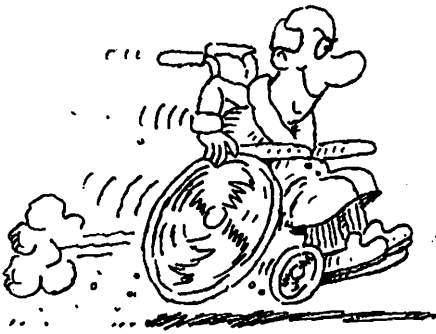


Age is a question of mind over matter.
If you don't mind, it doesn't matter!

Mark Twain

A man's only as old as
the woman he feels.

Groucho Marx



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Since people are going to be living longer and getting older, they'll just have to learn how to be babies longer.

Andy Warhol



The great secret that all old people share is that you really haven't changed in 70 or 80 years. Your body changes, but you don't change at all. And that, of course, causes great confusion.

Doris Lessing



More people would live to a ripe old age if they weren't too busy providing for it.

Unknown

SECRETS OF LONGEVITY

I can only assume that it is largely due to the accumulation of toasts to my health over the years that I am still enjoying a fairly satisfactory state of health and have reached such an unexpectedly great age.

Prince Philip



Old age is no place for sissies.

Bette Davis

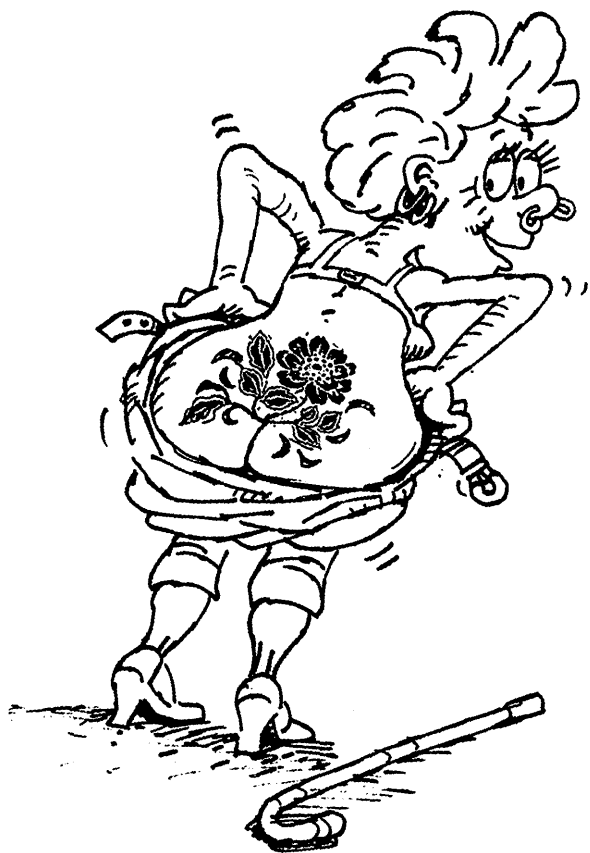


On her 107th birthday she attributed her great age to the fact that she'd never had a boyfriend.

The Star

To stop ageing - keep
on raging.

Michael Forbes



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Whenever anyone asks myself and
my wife if we have any children I say,
'Yes, one boy aged 44.'

Tony Hancock... at 44



Why have I lived so long? Jack
Daniels and not taking shit from
the press.

Frank Sinatra



My parents have been married for 55
years. The secret to their longevity?
Outlasting your opponent.

Cathy Ladman

SECRETS OF LONGEVITY

He was either a man of 150 who was rather young for his years, or a man of about 110 who had been aged by trouble.

P.G. Wodehouse



A very old twelve.

Noël Coward after being asked what age a woman looked after a facelift.



People say I'm into my second childhood. The reality is that I never left my first one.

Spike Milligan

Good cheekbones are
the brassiere of old age.

Barbara de Portago



SENILITY

They tell you that you'll
lose your mind when you
grow older. What they
don't tell you is that you
won't miss it very much.

Malcolm Cowley

SENILITY

My experience is that as soon as people are old enough to know better, they don't know anything at all.

Oscar Wilde



How the hell should I know? Most of the people my age are dead. You could look it up.

Casey Stengel



When you become senile, you won't know it.

Bill Cosby

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

When I was young I was called a
rugged individualist. When I was in
my fifties I was considered eccentric.
Here I am doing and saying the same
things I did then and I'm
labelled senile.

George Burns



I am in the prime of senility.

Benjamin Franklin



They say that after the age of 20
you lose 50,000 brain cells a day. I
don't believe it. I think it's much more.

Ned Sherrin

SENIOR SEX

It's sex, not youth, that's
wasted on the young.

Janet Harris

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

In my thirties I was doing it. In my forties I was organising it. Now, unfortunately, I can only talk about it.

Former brothel madam Cynthia Payne in 2004



My best contraceptive these days is taking my clothes off in front of my husband.

Phyllis Diller



Everything that goes up must come down. But there comes a time when not everything that's down can come up.

George Burns

SENIOR SEX

When you get older your body
changes. Now I groan louder after a
meal than I do after an orgasm.

Joel Warshaw



Her husband didn't hold anything
against her. He was too old.

Jim Davidson



So Rod Stewart got married again.
Where's he going on honeymoon –
Viagra Falls?

Gordon McDonald

Why do we talk about
dirty old men, but never
dirty old women?

Dave Allen



Virility at 21 is considered lechery
at 71.

Dr George Giarchi



Are there sexy dead ones?

Sean Connery after being informed he was voted
'The Sexiest Man Alive' in a poll.



Sex in the sixties is great, but
improves if you pull over to the side
of the road.

Johnny Carson

SENIOR SEX

Old age is an excellent time for outrage. My goal is to say or do at least one outrageous thing every week.

Maggie Kuhn



A medical report states that the human male is physically capable of enjoying sex up to and even beyond the age of 80. Not as a participant, of course...

Denis Norden



Don't worry about temptation as you grow older, it starts avoiding you.

Winston Churchill

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

I've always thought that the stereotype of the dirty old man is really the creation of a dirty young man who wants the field to himself.

Hugh Downs



I can still enjoy sex at 75. I live at 76, so it's no distance.

Bob Monkhouse



The older one grows, the more one likes indecency.

Virginia Woolf

SENIOR SEX


I'm 78 but I still use a condom when I
have sex. I can't take the damp.

Alan Gregory



I suspect most self-described 18-
year-old Scandinavian women named
Inga who collect and wear string
bikinis are, in reality, more likely to be
middle-aged, potbellied guys named
Lou who collect and wear
string cheese.

Pat Sajak

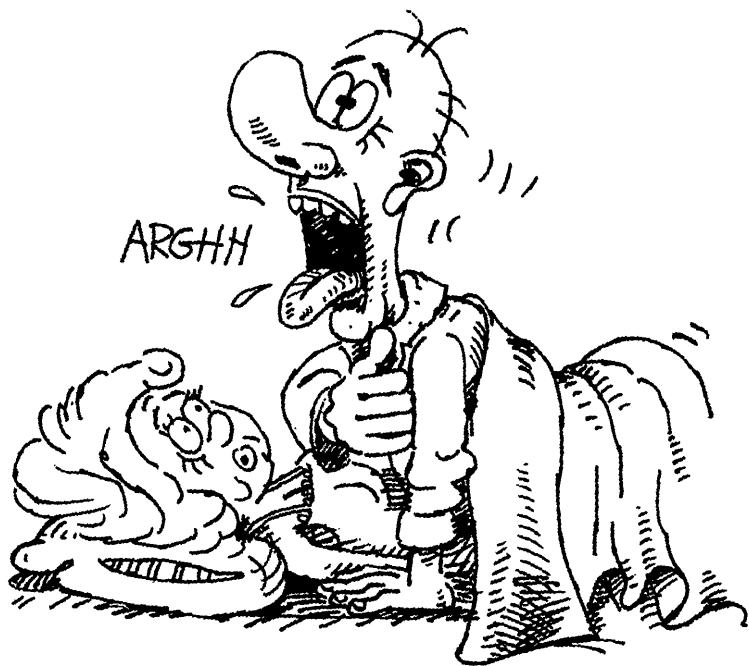


After being told his flies were
undone: No matter. The dead bird
does not fall out of the nest.

Winston Churchill

Sex manual for the
more mature ~ 'How to
tell an orgasm from a
heart attack!'

Unknown



Middle age is when a guy keeps
turning off the lights for economical
rather than romantic reasons.

Lillian Carter



What most persons consider as
virtue, after the age of 40 is simply a
loss of energy.

François Voltaire

SENIOR SEX

There is no pleasure worth forgoing
just for an extra three years in the
geriatric ward.

John Mortimer



Now that I'm 78, I do Tantric sex
because it's very slow. My favourite
position is called the plumber. You
stay in all day but nobody comes.

John Mortimer

After a man passes 60,
his mischief is mainly in
his head.

Edgar Watson Howe



"shake it baby."

Talk about getting old. I was getting
dressed and a peeping tom looked
in the window, took a look and pulled
down the shade.

Joan Rivers



Old age likes indecency. It's a sign
of life.

Mason Cooley



Of all the faculties, the last to leave
us is sexual desire. That means
that long after wearing bifocals and
hearing aids, we'll still be making love.
We just won't know with whom.

Jack Paar

THE GOLDEN AGE OF HOLLYWOOD

In Hollywood sometimes
you're dead before
you're dead.

Spencer Tracy

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Nowadays when a fan runs up to me
it's not to get my autograph but to
have a better look at my wrinkles.

Liz Taylor



People say, 'Gosh, doesn't Teri
Hatcher look amazing for 42?' Hello
– I've got clothes older than that.

Joan Collins



When Marlene Dietrich complained
to her photographer that he wasn't
making her look as beautiful as
he used to, he told her, 'I'm sorry
Marlene, but I'm seven years
older now.'

Michael Harkness

THE GOLDEN AGE OF HOLLYWOOD

An actress once said to Rosalind Russell, 'I dread the thought of 45.' Russell looked at her and said, 'Why - what happened?'

Steven Bauer



I haven't had a hit film since Joan Collins was a virgin.

Burt Reynolds



I remember what someone of 60 looked like when I was a kid. They didn't look like me.

Jack Nicholson

The only whistles I get
these days are from the
tea kettle.

Raquel Welch



CHEEKY!

WEEEEEEEE
WOOOOO

Why do I never go to the Cannes Film Festival? Because it's full of people I hoped were dead.

Dirk Bogarde



Catherine Zeta-Jones raised a few eyebrows with her flirty behaviour with actor Sean Connery, a man old enough to be her husband.

Martin Clunes



Joan Collins' career is a testament to menopausal chic.

Erica Jong

THE GOLDEN AGE OF HOLLYWOOD

Old Cary Grant Fine. How You?

Cary Grant replying to a telegram that went, 'How
Old Cary Grant?'



Old film directors never die – they
just fade to black.

Audrey Austin



I'm never quite sure whether I'm one of
the cinema's elder statesmen or just
the oldest whore on the beat.

Joseph L. Mankiewicz

**YOU KNOW YOU'RE
GETTING OLD WHEN...**

You know you're
getting old when the
girl you smile at thinks
you're one of her
father's friends.

Alan Murray

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN...

You know you're getting old when
you get winded playing cards.

George Burns



You know you're getting older when
the policemen start looking younger.

Arnold Bennett



You're getting old when the gleam in
your eyes is from the sun hitting
your bifocals.

Herbert Prochnow

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

You know you're getting old when
you go back to your class reunion and
they serve prune punch.

Chi Chi Rodriguez



When he first started going to school,
history wasn't even a subject.

Mort Sahl on Bob Hope



You know you're getting old when
your 'get up and go' just got up
and went.

Brendan Grace

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN...

You try and straighten out the
wrinkles in your socks and discover
you're not wearing any.

Leonard Knott



You know you're getting old when
people tell you how well you look.

Alan King

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

You know you're old if they have
discontinued your blood type.

Phyllis Diller



The ageing process has you firmly in
its grasp if you never get the urge to
throw a snowball.

Doug Larson



It's a sign of age if you feel like the
morning after the night before and
you haven't been anywhere.

Unknown

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN...

Grandmother, as she gets older,
is not fading, but becoming more
concentrated.

Paulette Alden



You're an old-timer if you can
remember when setting the world on
fire was a figure of speech.

Franklin P. Jones



Old age is when the liver spots show
through your gloves.

Phyllis Diller

One day you look in the mirror and realise the face you are shaving is your father's.

Robert Harris



One of the signs of old age is that you have to carry your senses around in your handbag – glasses, hearing aids, dentures etc.

Kurt Strauss



You know you are getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.

Bob Hope

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN...

A man loses his illusions first, his
teeth second, and his follies last.

Helen Rowland



Old age comes on suddenly, and not
gradually as is first thought.

Emily Dickinson



I'm getting on. I'm now equipped with a
snooze button.

Denis Norden

There is only one cure for grey. It was invented by a Frenchman. It is called the guillotine.

P. G. Wodehouse



You know you're getting old when your idea of a hot, flaming desire is a barbecued steak.

Victoria Fabiano

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN...

You know you're getting older when
the first thing you do after you're
done eating is look for a place to
lie down.

Louie Anderson



You know you're getting old when
you look at a beautiful 19-year-old girl
and you find yourself thinking, 'Gee, I
wonder what her mother looks like.'

Unknown

Inflation is when you pay fifteen dollars for the ten-dollar haircut you used to get for five dollars when you had hair.

Sam Ewing



The first sign of maturity is the discovery that the volume knob also turns to the left.

Jerry M. Wright



First, you forget names, then you forget faces. Next, you forget to pull your zipper up and finally you forget to pull it down.

Leo Rosenberg

YOU KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD WHEN...

You know you're getting old when all
the names in your black book have
M.D. after them.

Arnold Palmer



You're not old until it takes you
longer to rest up than it does to
get tired.

Phog Allen



You know you're getting older if you
have more fingers than real teeth.

Rodney Dangerfield

STYLE

Age becomes reality when you hear someone refer to 'that attractive young woman standing next to the woman in the green dress,' and you find that you're the one in the green dress.

Lois Wyse

STYLE

My dad's pants kept creeping up on him. By 65 he was just a pair of pants and a head.

Jeff Altman



If you really want to annoy your glamorous, well-preserved 42-year-old auntie, say, 'I bet you were really pretty when you were young.'

Lily Savage, alter ego of British comedian and television presenter Paul O'Grady



You know you're getting old when you're dashing through Marks and Spencer's, spot a pair of Dr Scholl's sandals, stop, and think, hmm, they look comfy.

Victoria Wood

TALKING 'BOUT THE GENERATIONS

At the age of 20, we
don't care what the
world thinks of us; at 30
we worry about what it is
thinking of us; at 40, we
discover that it wasn't
thinking of us at all.

Unknown

TALKING 'BOUT THE GENERATIONS

My generation thought 'fast food' was something you ate during Lent, a 'Big Mac' was an oversized raincoat and 'crumpet' was something you had for tea. 'Sheltered accommodation' was a place where you waited for a bus, 'timesharing' meant togetherness and you kept 'coke' in the coal house.

Joan Collins



It's hard for me to get used to these changing times. I can remember when the air was clean and sex was dirty.

George Burns



There are three periods in life: youth, middle age and 'how well you look'.

Nelson Rockefeller

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Girls used to come up to me and say,
'My sister loves you.' Now girls come
up to me and say, 'My mother
loves you.'

Lee Mazzilli



Youth is the time of getting, middle
age of improving, and old age
of spending.

Anne Bradstreet



Parents often talk about the younger
generation as if they didn't have
anything to do with it.

Dr Haim Ginott

TALKING 'BOUT THE GENERATIONS

Wrinkles are hereditary. Parents get them from their children.

Doris Day



At 16 I was stupid, confused and indecisive. At 25 I was wise, self-confident, prepossessing and assertive. At 45 I am stupid, confused, insecure and indecisive. Who would have supposed that maturity is only a short break in adolescence?

Jules Feiffer



Young people tell what they are doing, old people what they have done and fools what they wish to do.

French proverb

Why do grandparents and grandchildren get along so well? They have the same enemy – the mother.

Claudette Colbert



When you are about 35 years old, something terrible always happens to music.

Steve Race



There are three stages in an actor's career: Who is John Amos? Get me John Amos. Get me a young John Amos.

John Amos

TALKING 'BOUT THE GENERATIONS

There are only three ages for women
in Hollywood – Babe, District
Attorney, and Driving Miss Daisy.

Goldie Hawn



My nan said, 'What do you mean
when you say the computer went
down on you?'

Joseph Longthorne



There are three stages of man: he
believes in Santa Claus; he does not
believe in Santa Claus; he is
Santa Claus.

Bob Phillips

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

At 20 years of age the will reigns; at
30 the wit; at 40 the judgement.

Benjamin Franklin



In case you're worried about what's
going to become of the younger
generation, it's going to grow up and
start worrying about the younger
generation.

Roger Allen



No matter how old a mother is she
watches her middle-aged children for
signs of improvement.

Florida Scott Maxwell

TALKING 'BOUT THE GENERATIONS

The children despise their parents
until the age of 40, when they
suddenly become just like them – thus
preserving the system.

Quentin Crewe, British writer on British upper class



Be kind to your kids, they'll be
choosing your nursing home.

Unknown



The first half of our life is ruined by
our parents – and the second half
by our children.

Clarence Darrow

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

Them that does all the
talk about how nice it is
in the next world, I don't
see them in any great
hurry to get there.

Brendan Behan

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

Death is all in the mind, really. Once
you're dead you forget all about it.

Jack Trevor-Storey



It's a funny old world. A man is lucky
to get out of it alive.

W. C. Fields



I believe in life after death, which is
strange, because at one time I didn't
believe in life after birth.

Ozzy Osbourne

If people really believe that death
leads to eternal bliss, why do they
wear seatbelts?

Doug Stanhope



When men grow virtuous in their old
age, they only make a sacrifice to
God of the devil's leavings.

Alexander Pope



I think the resurrection of the body,
unless much improved in construction,
is a mistake.

Evelyn Underhill

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

The prospect of everlasting life is vaguely disconcerting, and you could end up sharing a cloud with your bank manager.

Joe O'Connor



All men are cremated equal.

Ben Elton



I've had so many things done to my body, when I die God won't even recognise me.

Phyllis Diller

For Catholics, death is
a promotion.

Bob Fosse

GOOD NEWS, ANDERSON,
WE'RE MOVING YOU
UPSTAIRS!



Death can be as simple as falling off
a log. Which is why you should steer
clear of logs.

Guy Browning



My interest in the next life is
purely academic.

Brendan Behan



If they don't have chocolate in heaven
I'm not going.

Roseanne Barr

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

Any man who has \$10,000 left when
he dies is a failure.

Errol Flynn



I don't want to go to heaven if you
have to stand all the time.

Spike Milligan



I don't think much of this one!

James Joyce's response when asked what he
thought of the next world

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Since I got to 80, I've started reading the Bible a lot more. It's kind of like cramming for my finals.

Vincent Watson



He's so old that when he orders a three-minute egg, they ask for the money up front.

Milton Berle

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

I used to hate weddings – all those old dears poking me in the stomach and saying ‘You’re next.’ But they stopped all that when I started doing the same to them at funerals.

Gail Flynn



There are worse things in life than death. Have you ever spent an evening with an insurance salesman?

Woody Allen

I want to die young at an
advanced age.

Max Lerner



I've already lived about 20 years
longer than my life expectancy at the
time I was born. That's a source of
annoyance to a great many people.

Ronald Reagan

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

In Liverpool, the difference between
a funeral and a wedding is one
less drunk.

Paul O'Grady



If you die in an elevator, be sure to
push the Up button.

Sam Levenson

Errol Flynn died on a 70-foot yacht
with a 17-year-old girl. My husband's
always wanted to go that way, but
he's going to settle for a 17-footer
and a 70-year-old.

Mrs Walter Cronkite, wife of retired US journalist



Memorial services are the cocktail
parties of the geriatric set.

Harold Macmillan

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

When I get in a taxi, the first thing they say is, 'Hello Eric, I thought you were dead.'

Eric Sykes



My grandmother was a very tough woman. She buried three husbands and two of which were just napping.

Rita Rudner

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

I don't mind dying. Trouble is, you
feel so bloody stiff the next day.

George Axelrod



I know I can't cheat death, but I can
cheat old age.

Darwin Deason



An old lady came into the chemist
and asked for a bottle of euthanasia.
I didn't say anything. I just handed her
a bottle of Echinacea.

Lydia Berryman

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

A stockbroker urged me to buy a stock that would triple its value every year. I told him, 'At my age, I don't even buy green bananas.'

Claude D. Pepper



My old mam reads the obituary page everyday but she could never understand how people always die in alphabetical order.

Frank Carson



Death is life's way of telling you you're fired.

R. Geis

I don't believe in afterlife, although I
am bringing a change of underwear.

Woody Allen



They say such nice things about
people at their funerals that it makes
me sad that I'm going to miss mine by
just a few days.

Garrison Kiellor

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

No one is so old as to think he cannot
live one more year.

Cicero



Life insurance is a weird concept.
You really don't get anything for it. It
works like this: you pay me money and
when you die, I'll pay you money.

Bill Kirchenbauer

I am ready to meet my
Maker. Whether my
Maker is ready for the
ordeal of meeting me is
another matter.

Winston Churchill



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

We think he's dead, but we're
afraid to ask.

Anonymous Committee Member, of the 79-year-old
Chairman of House Committee, Washington, 1984



All my friends are dead. They're all
in heaven now and they're all up there
mingling with one another. By now,
they are starting to wonder if I might
have gone to the other place.

Teresa Platt

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

Old age is like waiting in the departure lounge of life. Fortunately, we are in England and the train is bound to be late.

Milton Shulman

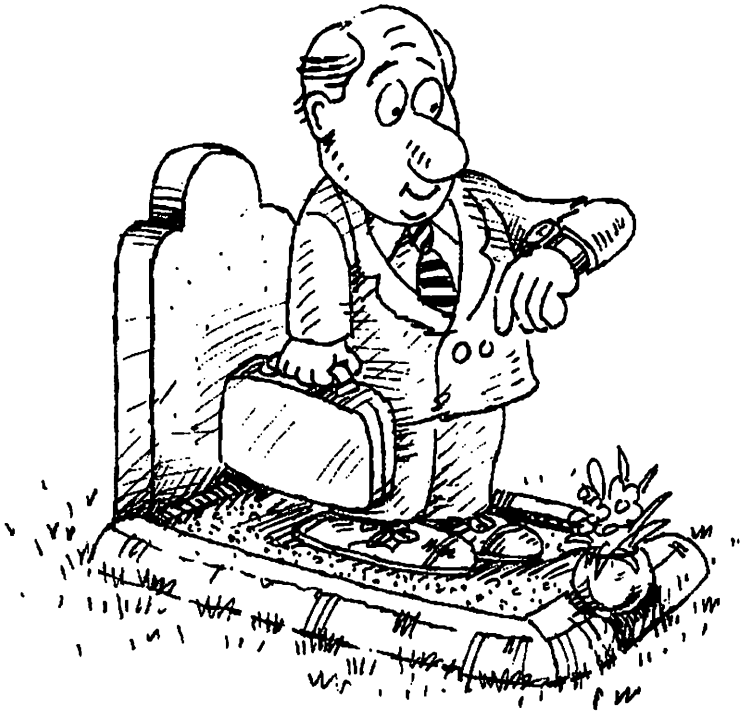


If you think nobody cares whether you are alive or dead, try missing a couple of car payments.

Ann Landers

The ageing process is
not gradual or gentle.
It rushes up, pushes
you over and runs off
laughing. Dying is a
matter of slapstick and
prat falls.

John Mortimer



BIRTHDAYS

You're getting old when
the only thing you want
for your birthday is not
to be reminded of it.

Felix Severn

BIRTHDAYS

Age is only a number.

Lexi Starling



Birthdays are good for you.
Statistics show that the people who
have the most live the longest.

Father Larry Lorenzoni



When I turned two I was really
anxious, because I'd doubled my age
in a year. I thought, if this keeps up,
by the time I'm six I'll be 90.

Steven Wright

A diplomat is a man
who always remembers
a woman's birthday but
never remembers
her age.

Robert Frost



This
can't be
right.
1, 2, 3,....

Happy Birthday

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

My wife hasn't had a birthday in 4 years. She was born in the year of our Lord-only-knows.

Unknown



A birthday is just the first day of another 365-day journey around the sun. Enjoy the trip.

Unknown



For all the advances in medicine, there is still no cure for the common birthday.

John Glenn

BIRTHDAYS

I'm pleading with my wife to have
birthdays again. I don't want to grow
old alone.

Rodney Dangerfield



I'm not like Jane Fonda or any of
those other women who say how
fabulous they think it is to turn 40. I
think it's a crock of shit.

Cher



Birthdays are nature's way of telling
us to eat more cake.

Jo Brand

The only time a woman wishes she
were a year older is when she's
having a baby.

Mary Marsh



My wife said to me, 'I don't look 50,
do I darling?' I said, 'Not any more.'

Bob Monkhouse



Zsa Zsa Gabor has just celebrated
the 41st anniversary of her
39th birthday.

Joan Rivers

BIRTHDAYS

Pushing 40? She's clinging onto it for
dear life.

Ivy Compton-Burnett



By the time I lit the last candle on my
birthday cake, the first one had
gone out.

George Burns at 80



He had too many birthdays.

Andy Marx explaining the cause of his father
Groucho's death in 1977

Eighty is the time of
your life when even your
birthday suit needs
pressing

Bob Hope



I tried to count the candles on my
birthday cake...the heat kept driving
me back.

Bob Hope



Birthdays only come once a year
unless you're Joan Collins, in which
case they only come every four years.

Steven Bauer

BIRTHDAYS

One day I said to myself, 'I'm 40.' By the time I recovered from the shock of that discovery I had reached 50.

Simone de Beauvoir



Passing your 80th birthday is a wonderful achievement. You just sit there and it happens.

Angus McBean

FUNFERALLS

Funerals in Ireland are
so jolly, they should be
called funferalls.

James Joyce

FUNFERALLS

Peter O'Toole looks like he's walking around just to save funeral expenses.

John Huston



I hate it at weddings when old relatives tell me, 'You'll be next, love.' I get my own back at funerals.

Mandy Knight



I refused to attend his funeral, but I wrote a very nice letter explaining that I approved of it.

Mark Twain

The reason so many people turned up at Louis B. Mayer's funeral was to make sure that he was dead.

Sam Goldwyn



Movie actors wear dark glasses at funerals to conceal the fact that their eyes aren't red from weeping.

Nunally Jones

FUNFERALLS

Funerals are like bad movies. They last too long, they're overacted, and the end is predictable.

George Burns



I dislike funerals so much I may not even go to my own one.

Brian Behan

Is it worth our while
going home?

One old man to another at the funeral of a friend

IF WE SET OFF
NOW WE CAN PROBABLY
FIT IN A GAME OF
DOMINOS BEFORE WE
HAVE TO COME BACK.



My father's funeral cost me ten
grand. I buried him in a rented suit.

Red Skelton



I hope you die before me because I
don't want you singing at my funeral.

Spike Milligan to Harry Secombe



No matter how great a man is, the size
of his funeral usually depends on
the weather.

Rosemary Clooney

OH, BITCHERY

In obituaries, 'convivial'
means drunk, 'a great
raconteur' means
crashing bore and
'relishing physical
contact' describes a
cruel sadist.

Vanora Bennett

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

I've just learned about his illness.
Let's hope it's nothing trivial.

Irvin S. Cobb



Age cannot wither him, nor exhaust
his infinite mendacity.

Tom Collins



Tonight we honour a man old enough
to be his own father.

Red Skelton introducing George Burns

OH, BITCHERY

Every morning I read the obituary
page over breakfast. If I'm not in it,
I get up.

Benjamin Franklin



They say you shouldn't say nothing
about the dead unless it's good. He's
dead. Good.

Jackie Mabley

ELDERLY MUSINGS

There are many
mysteries in old age but
the greatest, surely, is
this: in those adverts for
walk-in bathtubs, why
doesn't all the water
gush out when you
get in?

Alan Coren

ELDERLY MUSINGS

And in the end, it's not the years in
your life that count. It's the life in
your years.

Abraham Lincoln



About the only thing that comes to
us without effort is old age.

Gloria Pitzer



When you win, you're an old pro.
When you lose, you're an old man.

Charley Conerly

Life's tragedy is that we get old too
soon and wise too late.

Benjamin Franklin



Nobody loves life like him who is
growing old.

Sophocles



One should never make one's debut
in a scandal. One should reserve that
to give interest to one's old age.

Oscar Wilde

ELDERLY MUSINGS

Oft from shrivelled skin comes
useful counsel.

Saemund



Life is a moderately good play with a
badly written third act.

Truman Capote



A lady of a certain age, which means
certainly aged.

Lord Byron

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Anyone can get old. All you have to
do is live long enough.

Groucho Marx



It's true, some wines improve with age.
But only if the grapes were good in
the first place.

Abigail Van Buren, (Pauline Phillips) and Jeanne
Phillips

ELDERLY MUSINGS

Grandchildren don't make a man
feel old; it's the knowledge that he's
married to a grandmother.

G. Norman Collie



Wisdom doesn't necessarily come
with age. Sometimes age just shows
up all by itself.

Tom Wilson

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

May you live all the days of your life.

Jonathan Swift



By the time I have money to burn, my
fire will have burnt out.

Unknown



Life can only be understood
backwards, but it must be
lived forwards.

Soren Kierkegaard

ELDERLY MUSINGS

Resolve to be tender with the
young, compassionate with the aged,
sympathetic with the striving, and
tolerant with the weak and the wrong.
Sometime in your life you will have
been all of these.

Dr Robert H. Goddard



Growing old is like being increasingly
penalised for a crime you
haven't committed.

Anthony Powell

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

I go slower as time goes faster.

Mason Cooley



Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save.

Will Rogers



Men who are orthodox when they are young are in danger of being middle-aged all their lives.

Walter Lippmann

ELDERLY MUSINGS

When I was young, I thought that money was the most important thing in life; now that I am old, I know it is.

Oscar Wilde



Well enough for old folks to rise early, because they have done so many mean things all their lives they can't sleep anyhow.

Mark Twain



I don't believe one grows older. I think that what happens early on in life is that at a certain age one stands still and stagnates.

T. S. Eliot

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

I am long on ideas, but short on time. I
expect to live to be only about
a hundred.

Thomas Alva Edison



Age is something that doesn't matter,
unless you are a cheese.

Billie Burke



Old age is the verdict of life.

Amelia E. Barr

ELDERLY MUSINGS

Growing old is something you do if
you're lucky.

Groucho Marx



Age wrinkles the body. Quitting
wrinkles the soul.

Douglas MacArthur



God gives nuts to those with
no teeth.

Unknown

You can't turn back the
clock. But you can wind
it up again.

Bonnie Prudden



Life is a funny thing that happens to
you on the way to the grave.

Quentin Crisp



Very few people do anything creative
after the age of 35. The reason is
that very few people do anything
creative before the age of 35.

Joel Hildebrand

SOBERING THOUGHTS

The three ages of man
are under-age, over-age
and average.

Herbert Prochnow

Science has salvaged scrap metal
and even found vitamins and valuable
oils in refuse, but old people are
extravagantly wasted.

Anzia Yeziarska



People ought to be either one of two
things: young or dead.

Dorothy Parker



For a while you're a veteran, and then
you're just old.

Lance Alworth

SOBERING THOUGHTS

I'm very uncomfortable living in a world
where the Pope is 25 years younger
than I am.

Billy Wilder in 1993



The living are the dead on holiday.

Maurice Maeterlinck



Old age is life's parody.

Simone De Beauvoir

I know I'm going to die because my
birth certificate has an expiry date
on it.

Steven Wright



There comes a time in every man's life
where he must make way for an
older man.

Reginald Maudling

WOMEN AND MEN

Trouble is, by the time
you can read a girl like a
book, your library card
has expired.

Milton Berle

Few women admit their age. Few men
act theirs.

Unknown



An archaeologist is the best husband
a woman can have. The older she
gets the more interested he is in her.

Agatha Christie



When women enter middle age, it
gives men a pause.

Unknown

WOMEN AND MEN

The best years of a woman's life –
the ten years between 39 and 40.

Unknown



Women are not forgiven for ageing.
Robert Redford's lines of distinction
are my old-age wrinkles.

Jane Fonda



The lovely thing about being 40 is
that you can appreciate
25 year-old men.

Colleen McCullough

My husband's idea of a good night
out is a good night in.

Maureen Lipman



A woman's always younger than a
man of equal years.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

WOMEN AND MEN

A woman is as old as she looks
before breakfast.

Edgar Watson Howe



When I passed 40 I dropped
pretense, 'cause men like women who
got some sense.

Maya Angelou

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Whatever you may look like, marry a
man your own age – as your beauty
fades, so will his eyesight.

Phyllis Diller



The best way to get a husband to do
anything is to suggest that he is too
old to do it.

Felicity Parker



Age to women is like Kryptonite
to Superman.

Kathy Lette

WORDS AND MUSIC

A 'Selected Poems'
anthology is like a clock
awarded by an affable
but faintly impatient
employer.

Sean O'Brien

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

I dislike modern memoirs. They're generally written by people who have either lost their memories or have never done anything worth remembering.

Oscar Wilde



After a certain age, a poet's main rival is the poet he used to be.

William Logan



You eventually reach an age where every sentence bumps into one you wrote 30 years ago.

John Updike

WORDS AND MUSIC

I was asked how we should celebrate
Harold Pinter's fiftieth Birthday. I
should have suggested a
minute's silence.

Alan Bennett



I'm old enough to remember Elvis the
first time he was alive.

Noel V. Ginnity



When I was young we didn't have
MTV. We had to take drugs and go
to concerts.

Steven Pearl

She was an ageing singer who had to
take every note above 'A' with
her eyebrows.

Montague Glass



| was a veteran before | was
a teenager.

Michael Jackson

WORDS AND MUSIC

The best epitaph for a blues singer
would be, 'Didn't Wake Up
This Morning'.

Burl Ives



People like their blues singers dead.

Janis Joplin

People tell me I'm a
legend. In other words, a
has-been.

Bob Dylan



EXPERIENCE, MISTAKES AND ADVICE

Experience is a terrible
teacher who sends
horrific bills.

Unknown

EXPERIENCE, MISTAKES AND ADVICE

For the first half of your life, people tell you what you should do; for the second half, they tell you what you should have done.

Richard Needham



I'll never make the mistake of being 70 again.

Casey Stengel



If I had my life to live over again, I'd make the same mistakes, only sooner.

Tallulah Bankhead

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

If I had my life to live over again, I'd be
a plumber.

Albert Einstein



Age is a high price to pay
for maturity.

Tom Stoppard



The man who views the world at 50
the same as he did at 20 has wasted
30 years of his life.

Muhammad Ali

EXPERIENCE, MISTAKES AND ADVICE

My greatest regret is not knowing at
30 what I knew about women at 60.

Arthur Miller



I get to be a kid now, because I wasn't
a kid when I was supposed to be
one. But in some ways, I'm like an old
woman ~ lived it, seen it, done it, been
there, have the T-shirt.

Drew Barrymore



Autumn is mellower, and what we lose
in flowers, we more than gain in fruits.

Samuel Butler

I used to have a sign over my computer that read 'Old dogs can learn new tricks', but lately I sometimes ask myself how many more new tricks I want to learn. Wouldn't it just be easier to be outdated?

Ram Dass



Cherish all your happy moments: they
make a fine cushion for old age.

Christopher Morley



You don't appreciate a lot of stuff
in school until you get older. Little
things like being spanked every day
by a middle-aged woman: stuff you
pay good money for in later life.

Emo Philips



Whenever I get down about life going
by too quickly, what helps me is a little
mantra that I repeat to myself: at least
I'm not a fruit fly.

Ray Romano

EXPERIENCE, MISTAKES AND ADVICE

We learn from experience that men
never learn anything from experience.

George Bernard Shaw



The post office has a great charm at
one point of our lives. When you have
lived to my age you will begin to think
letters are never worth going through
the rain for.

Jane Austen



A prune is an experienced plum.

John Trattner

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

I have lived in the world just long
enough to look carefully the second
time into those things that I am most
certain of the first time.

Josh Billings



I advise you to go on living solely to
enrage those who are paying your
annuities. It is the only pleasure
I have left.

François Voltaire



When I was young, I was told: 'You'll
see when you're 50.' I'm 50 and I
haven't seen a thing.

Erik Satie

EXPERIENCE, MISTAKES AND ADVICE

When people tell you how young you
look, they are also telling you how
old you are.

Cary Grant



Life is too short to learn German.

Richard Porson

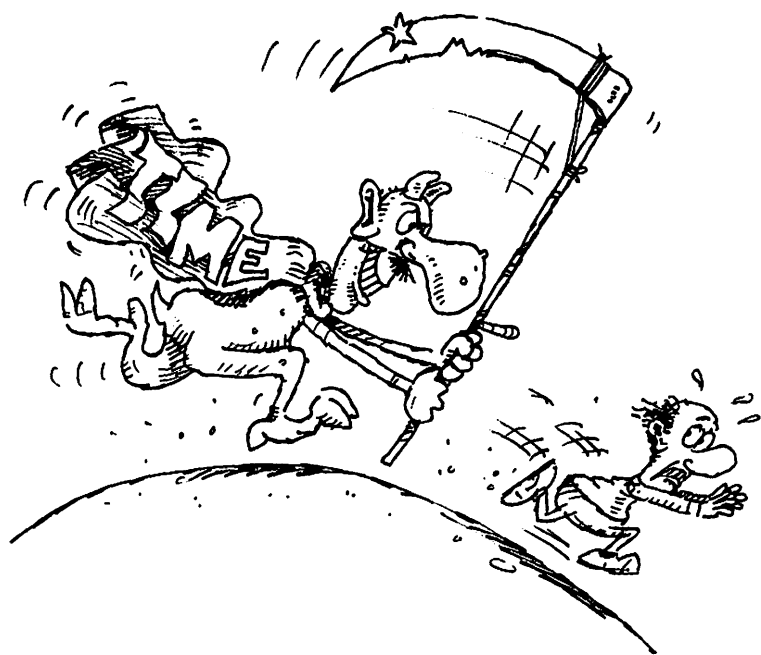


As I grow older, I pay less attention
to what men say. I just watch what
they do.

Andrew Carnegie

Just remember, once
you're over the hill, you
begin to pick up speed.

Charles M. Schulz



Experience is a comb life gives you
after you lose your hair.

Judith Stern



The time to begin most things is ten
years ago.

Mignon McLaughlin



If you resolve to give up smoking,
drinking and loving, you don't actually
live longer. It just seems longer.

Clement Freud

EXPERIENCE, MISTAKES AND ADVICE

Never put off until tomorrow what
you can do the day after.

Louis Safian



A woman should never give birth after
35. Thirty-five is enough kids
for anyone.

Gracie Allen



I got on well by talking. Death could
not get a word in edgeways, grew
discouraged, and travelled on.

Louise Erdrich

I asked my doctor what I should do after having a pacemaker put in. He said, 'Keep paying your electricity bill.'

Roger Moore



Don't complain about growing old.
Many are denied the privilege.

Somerset Maugham



Avoid school reunions. The last man
I met who was at school with me had a
long white beard and no teeth.

P.G. Wodehouse



It's not how old you are, it's how
you're old.

Brian Blessed

EXPERIENCE, MISTAKES AND ADVICE

The only thing for old age is a brave
face, a good tailor and
comfortable shoes.

Alan Ayckbourn



Most people like the old days best –
they were younger then.

Unknown



Nothing is more responsible for the
good old days than a bad memory.

Franklin Pierce Adams

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

It becomes increasingly easy, as you
get older, to drown in nostalgia.

Ted Koppel



Sometimes when a man recalls the
good old days, he's really thinking of
his bad young days.

Unknown

EXIT LINES: FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Dear World, I am
leaving because I am
bored... Good luck.

Suicide note of George Sanders

Either that wallpaper goes or I do.

Oscar Wilde



No flowers please, just caviar.

Jennifer Paterson



Don't let it end like this. Tell them I
said something.

Pancho Villa

EXIT LINES: FAMOUS LAST WORDS

Doctor, do you think it could've been
the sausage?

Paul Claudel



Keep Paddy behind the mixer.

Building tycoon Sir Alfred McAlpine



| told you | was ill.

Spike Milligan

Last Will and Testament: I, being of
sound mind, have spent every penny.

Ray Ellington



Quick – save the dessert.

Paulette Brillat-Savarin

EXIT LINES: FAMOUS LAST WORDS

They couldn't hit an elephant at
this dist-

General John Sedgwick



This is no time for making
new enemies.

Voltaire after a priest had asked him to renounce the
devil on his deathbed

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Dear Elise, seek younger friends. I
am extinct.

George Bernard Shaw



I've just had 18 whiskies. I think
that's a record.

Dylan Thomas



Is there one who understands me?

James Joyce

EXIT LINES: FAMOUS LAST WORDS

All in all I'd prefer to be in
Philadelphia.

W. C. Fields



If this is dying, I don't think much of it.

Lytton Strachey



I should never have switched from
scotch to martinis.

Humphrey Bogart

THE BRIGHT SIDE

Every day I beat my
own previous record
for the number of
consecutive days I've
stayed alive.

George Carlin

THE BRIGHT SIDE

I woke up this morning and I was still
alive so I'm pretty cheerful.

Spike Milligan at 79



We are always the same age inside.

Gertrude Stein



Even if there's snow on the roof, it
doesn't mean the fire has gone out in
the furnace.

John Diefenbaker

I do not call myself old yet. Not till a young woman offers me her seat will that tragedy really be mine.

E. V. Lucas



To be 70 years young is sometimes far more cheerful and hopeful than to be 40 years old.

Oliver Wendell Holmes



Since I got to be 65, I look better, feel better, make love better and I never lied better.

George Burns

THE BRIGHT SIDE

W. C. Fields has a profound respect
for old age. Especially when
it's bottled.

Gene Fowler



My grandmother is over 80 and still
doesn't need glasses. Drinks right
out of the bottle.

Henry Youngman



You know you're getting old when
a four-letter word for something
pleasurable two people can do in bed
is R-E-A-D.

Denis Norden

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

One of the many pleasures of old age
is giving things up.

Malcolm Muggeridge



I smoke 10 to 15 cigars a day, at my
age I have to hold on to something.

George Burns



Jameson's Irish Whiskey really does
improve with age: the older I get the
more I like it.

Bob Monkhouse

THE BRIGHT SIDE

When you get to 52 food becomes
more important than sex.

Prue Leith



I'm at the age where food has taken
the place of sex in my life. In fact, I've
just had a mirror put over my
kitchen table.

Rodney Dangerfield



I always make a point of starting the
day at 6 a.m. with champagne. It goes
straight to the heart and cheers one
up. White wine won't do. You need
the bubbles.

John Mortimer

EPITAPHS

You can count for as long as you like, but I'm not getting up this time.

Former world boxing champion Jim Watt's suggestion

EPITAPHS

The defence rests.

Suggested epitaph for a lawyer



Here lies Harry Secombe until
further notice.

Harry Secombe's suggestion

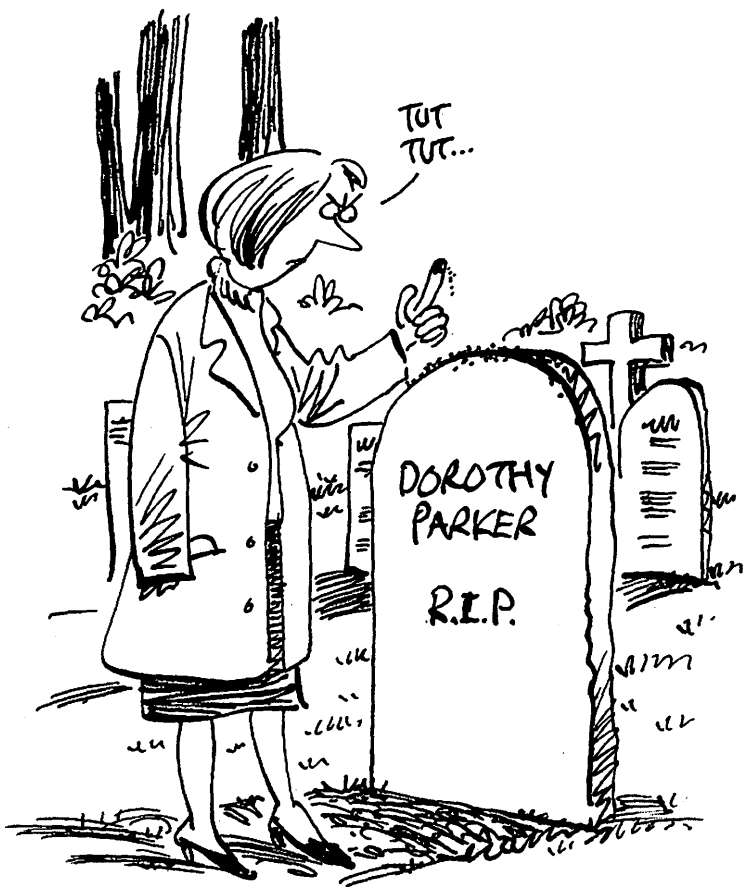


Jesus Christ ~ is that the
time already?

Billy Connolly's suggestion

Excuse my dust.

Dorothy Parker




On my gravestone I'd like them to
put, 'He didn't know what he
was doing'.

Terry Wogan



I want my epitaph to be what I once
read on my dry cleaning receipt: 'It
distresses us to return work that is
not perfect'.

Peter O'Toole



Here lies my husband – stiff at last.

Ernest Forbes' suggestion for a bitter wife

YOUTH V. OLD AGE

The old begin to
complain of the conduct
of the young when
they themselves are no
longer able to set a bad
example.

François de la Rochefoucauld

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

An old timer is one who remembers
when we counted our blessings
instead of our calories.

Unknown



I am not young enough to
know everything.

Oscar Wilde



Youth is a wonderful thing. What a
crime to waste it on children.

George Bernard Shaw

YOUTH VOLD AGE

A man has reached middle age when
he is warned to slow down by his
doctor instead of the police.

Unknown



Old age realises the dreams of youth:
look at Dean Swift; in his youth he
built an asylum for the insane, in his
old age he was himself an inmate.

Soren Kierkegaard

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Young men want to be faithful, and
are not; old men want to be faithless,
and cannot.

Oscar Wilde



Twenty-four years ago, Madam,
I was incredibly handsome. The
remains of it are still visible through
the rift of time. I was so handsome
that women became spellbound when
I came into view. In San Francisco,
in rainy seasons, I was frequently
mistaken for a cloudless day.

Mark Twain

YOUTH V OLD AGE

I never dared to be radical when
young for fear it would make me
conservative when old.

Robert Frost



The elderly don't drive that badly;
they're just the only ones with time to
do the speed limit.

Jason Love

I have now gotten to the age when I
must prove that I'm just as good as
I never was.

Rex Harrison



Young people don't know what age
is, and old people forget what
youth was.

Irish proverb

YOUTH V OLD AGE

The young man knows the rules but
the old man knows the exceptions.

Oliver Wendell Holmes



In youth, we ran into difficulties, in old
age difficulties run into us.

Josh Billings, pen name of US humorist Henry
Wheeler Shaw

I have everything I had 20 years ago,
only it's all a little bit lower.

Gypsy Rose Lee



In youth the days are short and the
years are long; in old age the years
are short and the days are long.

Nikita Ivanovich Panin

YOUTH V OLD AGE

In some ways, I never outgrew my adolescence. I wake up in the morning and think, 'Oh my God, I'm late for a math test!' But then I say, 'Wait a minute. I'm 40.'

Daniel Clowes



One of the many things nobody ever tells you about middle age is that it's a nice change from being young.

William Feather

The old age of an eagle
is better than the youth
of a sparrow.

Proverb



THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

From the earliest times the old have rubbed it into the young that they are wiser than they, and before the young had discovered what nonsense this was they were old too, and it profited them to carry on the imposture.

Somerset Maugham



Youth would be an ideal state if it came a little later in life.

Herbert Asquith, Earl of Oxford



Age is not different from earlier life as long as you're sitting down.

Malcolm Cowley

YOUTH VOLD AGE

The old believe everything; the
middle-aged suspect everything; the
young know everything.

Oscar Wilde



People want you to be like you
were in 1969. They want you to be,
because otherwise their youth
goes with you.

Mick Jagger



Boys will be boys and so will a lot of
middle-aged men.

Kin Hubbard

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.

Bill Vaughn



I am getting older in a country where a major religion is the Church of Acne.

Bill Cosby



I used to dread getting older because I thought I would not be able to do all the things I wanted to do, but now that I am older I find that I don't want to do them.

Nancy Astor on her 80th birthday

YOUTH VOLD AGE

One day a bachelor, the next a
grampa. What is the secret of the
trick? How did I get so old so quick?

Ogden Nash



When you are dissatisfied and would
like to go back to your youth... Think
of algebra.

Will Rogers



The denunciation of the young
greatly assists the circulation
of the blood.

Logan Pearsall Smith

Never raise your hand
to your children. It
leaves your midsection
unprotected.

Robert Orben



The old-fashioned respect for the
young is fast dying out.

Oscar Wilde



What is more enchanting than the
voices of young people when you
can't hear what they're saying?

Logan Pearsall Smith

YOUTH VOLD AGE

Always pat children on the head
whenever you meet them, just in case
they happen to be yours.

Augustus John



Women who remember their first
kiss now have daughters who can't
remember their first husbands.

Henny Youngman

THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF OLD GIT WIT

There are only two things a child will
share willingly: communicable diseases
and his mother's age.

Benjamin Spock



The trouble with the music teenagers
listen to these days is that you can't
tell when the record is worn out.

Stanley Davis



The dead might as well try to speak
to the living as the old to the young.

Willa Cather

YOUTH VOLD AGE

Youth is a disease from which we
all recover.

Dorothy Fuldheim



The young always have the same
problem – how to rebel and conform
at the same time. They have now
solved this by defying their parents
and copying one another.

Quentin Crisp



There's nothing wrong with
teenagers that reasoning with them
won't aggravate.

Jean Kerr

CHECKING OUT TIME

Dying is the most embarrassing thing that can happen to you, because someone else has to take care of all your details.

Andy Warhol

CHECKING OUT TIME

Only the young die good.

Oliver Herford



Save energy. Get cremated
with a friend.

Spike Milligan



I could never bear to be buried with
people to whom I had never
been introduced.

Norman Parkinson

Dying can damage your health.
Every coffin should contain a
Government Health Warning.

Spike Milligan



The good die young because they
see no sense in living if you have
to be good.

John Barrymore

CHECKING OUT TIME

Old florists don't die, they just make
other arrangements.

Nigel Rees



Reports of my death are greatly
exaggerated.

Mark Twain

He says it's a
marvellous business... In
30 years he's never had
a customer ask for
a refund.

Hal Roach on an uncle's business as an undertaker

UNDERTAKERS

MY CASKET
HAS RATS! -
I WANT MY
MONEY BACK!



Committing suicide is the last thing
I'd ever do.

Kenny Everett



If Shaw and Einstein couldn't beat
death, what chance have I got?

Mel Brooks



Last month my aunt passed away.
She was cremated. We think that's
what did it.

Jonathan Katz

CHECKING OUT TIME

You live and learn, then you die and
forget it all.

Noël Coward



An undertaker is the last man to let
you down.

Danny Cummings



Immortality is a long shot, I admit. But
somebody has to be first.

Bill Cosby

OLD REMNANTS

As long as a woman can
look ten years younger
than her daughter, she is
perfectly satisfied.

Oscar Wilde

OLD REMNANTS

Ageriatric is a German cricketer who captures three successive wickets.

George Coote



I attribute my great age to the simple fact that I was born a very long time ago.

John Gielgud

There is something worse than
growing old – remaining a child.

Cesare Pavese



There are no old people nowadays.
They're either 'wonderful for their
age' or dead.

Mary Pettibone Poole

OLD REMNANTS

The older I get, the more passionate I
become about fewer things.

Brendan Kennelly



Every morning when you're 93, you
wake up and say to yourself,
'What ~ again?'

Ben Travers

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I keep fit. Every morning, I do 100 laps of an Olympic sized swimming pool - in a small motor launch.

PETER COOK

The older one grows, the more one likes indecency.

VIRGINIA WOOLF

I have the body of an eighteen-year-old. I keep it in the fridge.

SPIKE MILLIGAN

There is only one cure for grey. It was invented by a Frenchman. It is called the guillotine.

P. G. WODEHOUSE

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