

Old Deuteronomy

Cats

I believe it is Old Deuteronomy
Old Deuteronomy's lived a long time
He's a cat who has lived many lives in succession
He was famous in proverb and famous in rhyme
A long while before Queen Victoria's accession
Old Deuteronomy's buried nine wives
And more I am tempted to say ninety-nine
And his numerous progeny prospers and thrives
And the village is proud of him in his decline
At the sight of that placid and bland physiognomy
When he sits in the sun on the vicarage wall
The oldest inhabitant croaks
Well, of all things, can it be really?
Yes, no, ho-hi-oh, my eye
My mind may be wandering, but I confess
I believe it is old Deuteronomy
Old Deuteronomy sits in the street
He sits in the high street on market day
The Bullocks may bellow, the sheep they may bleat
But the dogs and the herdsman will turn them away
The cars and the lorries run over the curb
And the villagers put up a notice "Road closed"
So that nothing untoward may chance to disturb
Deuteronomy's rest when he feels so disposed
The digestive repose of that felines gastronomy
Must never be broken whatever may befall
The oldest inhabitant croaks
Well, of all things, can it be really?
Yes, no, ho-hi-oh, my eye
my mind may be wandering, but I confess
i believe it is old Deuteronomy
Well, of all things, can it be really?
Yes no ho hi oh, my eye
My legs may be tottery, I must go slow
And be careful of old Deuteronomy

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