

# Old Man

## Ten Foot Pole

You tell me of a place where everybody knew their  
Neighbors, all the families helped each other and no one  
Ever locked their doors, you tell me no one locked their doors  
Old man please stay a while I know at first I seemed too busy But now I'll make the time stay and tell me one  
more story  
Tell me about the time you ditched school to go fishing  
You thought the branch would hold your neighbor  
Pulled you from the river he helped you wash your clothes And stitch the hole in your trousers and your mom  
never knew  
Why he giggled when he saw you a place where no one  
Locks their doors a place where no one locks their doors  
You tell me that you would show me only now it is too late I would like to build community only now it is too  
late  
Things can never be the way they were before you can't go back  
To how things were before once the trust is gone  
Once the trust is gone, once the trust is gone, you'll lock the door

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