Goat Annie

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When I was young I used to see her Herdin' her goats on a hillside No one knows and she ain't telling her age I'd say she's just about seventy fiveShe's an old timer Tryin' to hold on to what she's got They call her Goat AnnieI still remember the stories The townspeople told to each other Just because she liked her goats better than people They said the devil was her brotherShe never paid them no mind She just kept on bein' herself Goat AnnieShe's real individual One of a dying breed Everything she's got right now Is all she'll ever needOne day the government decided They had to have the land she lived on They came with the papers, polite as could be They said, she had just thirty days to get gone You could see them smirking "We're just doin' our job here You understand, Goat Annie "She said, "Twenty one was born and raised here Ain't never done wrong to no one You ain't gonna throw me off my land Not me or my goats or my shotgun"Then she leveled her 12-guage With a blast she sent 'em packin' Go, Goat AnnieNext day they came with the lawmen But that didn't get 'em nowhere Rather than shoot at a poor old lady They decided to let her live her days out thereIt doesn't happen very often But there are still some people with heart

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