

OLD MEN IN SHORTS.

Old men get over excited
when summer comes to their door.
White spindly legs, varicose veins
in ancient shorts, come to the fore.

On trains, in pubs, and restaurants too –
No escape from knobbly knees,
or tree trunk legs with ulcers healed.
Some old men think they're quite a tease.

It really wouldn't be so bad
if their shorts were the tailored kind.
Those *longer* shorts which policemen wear
in hotter countries, come to mind.

But old skinflints just can't resist
old shorts to recall past glories.
Do faded horrors from schoolboy days,
help keep alive fond stories?

Behold! Just watch them in the gym,
riding bikes, albeit slow,
in washed-out shorts which should
have been... cut to dusters, years ago.

If old men really *must* wear shorts,
They should be told which shorts look worst
Oh, why can't they wear *knee-length* pants?
Spend time in tanning salons, first?

We never see old women in shorts.

Here's one thing they've discovered;

If legs are past their sell-by date,

it's best to keep them covered.