**Green Banannas**

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When I reached a certain age, I realized I had to change

as the things that once brought pleasure began to bring me pain

and the stuff that once was interesting, no longer caught my eye

and the people and pets I loved were startin’ to die.

So with a sense of urgency, I retired from my job.

The forty years I gave’em was more than enough.

I didn’t need some paycheck to signify my worth.

I was done wasting my time commuting to work. So,

I stopped buying green bananas, I forget my yesterdays,

see my future as tomorrow, I’m living day to day.

I quit biting my tongue and now say what I want to say and believe

gratification should never be delayed.

Now I start each day with a breakfast of a small pile of pills

including medications, supplements, and vitamins.

Then I read the newspaper to see if any friends died;

then wander in my backyard and call it exercise.

I get to fetch my grand kids when they get out of school

and chauffeur them to lessons, fields, and the mall.

I love being with them, watching all their games.

And cheering them on, helps me remember their names. But,

I stopped buying green bananas, I forget my yesterdays,

see my future as tomorrow, I’m living day to day.

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gratification should never be delayed.

I never thought getting old would be so hard.

I thought retirement would feature shuffleboard and playin’ cards.

I don’t know where my time goes;. I’m always on the run;

makes me wonder, how when I worked, anything got done.

It feels like there’s always something to do

to maintain my house, lawn, cars, and swimmin’ pool.

And it seems like no job is ever quite complete,

and I never have all the parts and tools that I need. But,

I stopped buying green bananas, I forget my yesterdays,

see my future as tomorrow, I’m living day to day.

I quit biting my tongue and now say what I want to say and believe

gratification should never be delayed.

So while I feel contented, I have my aches and pains.

But I’ve come to understand it does no good to complain.

Besides, there’s nothing more boring to me

than hearing someone talk body parts and surgeries.

I once asked my doctor what I had to do

to prevent serious illness and have my health improve.

He said: “Don’t worry, just enjoy the time you have,

unless anxiety is your preferred cause of death.” So,

I stopped buying green bananas, I forget my yesterdays,

see my future as tomorrow, I’m living day to day.

I quit biting my tongue and now say what I want to say and believe

gratification should never be delayed.

At least my gratification should never ever ever be delayed.