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## OLDER LOVE

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*Young love is magic! Bright! Electric! Lightning! Sparks! And Fire!  
Burning with new passion and the hot flame of desire.*

*But when that fire grows quiet, there remains the radiance of a romance  
that goes on growing in the glow of OLDER LOVE.*

*OLDER LOVE has magic too, and myth, and mystery, as two souls become  
one spirit, with one heart, one history.*

*It's the miracle that turns a common promise into gold.  
The lyrical duet of two new lovers growing old.*

*We hear this old love every day, in ways we'd never think.  
The gentle plink of dishes swishing in the kitchen sink.*

*The sound of slippered footsteps, in the hallways overhead,  
when I have risen early, and you have stayed in bed...*

*There's a nice, familiar comfort in love that isn't new,  
that has had some bumps and bruises, and been scuffed a time or two...*

*Yes, our faces show the traces, of the years that have gone by.  
But it's hard to see the wrinkles with a twinkle in your eye...*

*If this old love doesn't tingle with every single touch,  
it doesn't mean that we don't love each other quite as much.*

*In fact, in our maturity, our love can still increase  
in its sweetness and security, its power and its peace.*

*So, though a touch may not send shivers, it delivers so much more.  
In these hands we hold our OLDER LOVE, and that's what hands are for.*

*They are hands that cradled babies, giving comfort in the night.  
Hands to guide the growing, and to point out what is right.  
They are hands that hold each other, as they have...and will...for years.*

*Then, as the gleam of purest silver starts to sparkle in our hair,  
every strand becomes more precious, as the hair becomes more rare!*

*And the beauty of our bodies is retreating with our health.  
But OLDER LOVE sees beauty more in honesty and truth.*

*The truth is, we're not perfect. We're not beautiful or young.  
Our thrills are mostly wilted, and our springs are mostly sprung. But...*

*If it is aged with gentle patience, the reward is worth the wait,  
and the world will spin with vintage love. A love to celebrate!*

*It is joy! And it's an Honor. It's a Gift! And it's a Vow to be good to one  
another,*

*Both forever and for now.*

*It's the duty of confessing that I fail you every day.*

*It's the beauty and the blessing that you love me anyway.*

*It's forgiving, and forgetting. And remembering...*

*Just two ordinary people, that is all we'll ever be,  
with an everyday devotion to each other, you and me.*

*Yet our ordinary evenings bring extraordinary calm,  
as we share the still tranquility, as sacred as a psalm.*

*Maybe reading. Maybe knitting. Sitting in that favorite chair.*

*Saying nothing. Simply knowing that is' good that you are there...*

*OLDER LOVE is hands and hearts and souls as they unite  
every morning, every evening, every day and every night.*

*Like the sun and moon and stars that light the heavens up above,  
these two lives will shine together, with the glow of OLDER LOVE.*

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