

What Some People Throw Away

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An old piece of rope held up his pants
As I backed up he threw up his hands
So, I got out and closed the door
And asked him what he stopped me for
He reached down and picked up a burlap bag
There at the city dump he showed me all he had

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An old King James and a pocket knife
A worn out watch and a lucky rabbits foot
A picture in a broken frame
He said, "I wish I knew her name"
As he gently brushed his hand across her face
"What some people throw away"

I turned to hide my tear-filled eyes
Then shook his hand and said goodbye
To me it was just a second load
But he held it like a bag of gold
I was too ashamed to tell him at the time
Everything he was holding was mine

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Oh, it broke my heart to hear that old man say
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