

When I Was A Young Man

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When I was a young man
When I was a young man
I navigated stormy seas between the shifting sands
When I was a young man
When I was a young man
Investigated all my needs whenever I hit land

Mother, please forgive me for forgetting you forget
Father, I forgive you for regretting that we met

Now I'm not a young man
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The ships, they sink, but I refrain from shouting what I know
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As years go by and friends, they die
They leave me living slow

Mother, I remember the cat dying on the rug
Father, gotta thank you for the cardboard in your hug

When I was a young man
Felt just like an old man
My memory has failed on me and left me holding cans
Now I'm not a young man
Don't wanna be a young man
There's no attraction I can see, I'll stick to making plans

Mother, I remember you were ready for your call
Father, I'll forgive you for your silence and your pall

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