

# Old Dogs, Children, And Watermelon Wine

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How old do you think I am he said

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I said well I didn't know

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He said I turned 65 about 11 months ago

I was sitting in Miami pouring blended whisky down  
When this old grey black gentleman was cleaning up the lounge  
There wasn't any one around but this old man and me  
The guy who tended bar was watching ironsides on tv  
Uninvited he sat down and opened up his mind  
On old dogs and children and watermelon wine

Have you ever had a drink of watermelon wine he asked  
He told me all about it though I didn't answer back  
Ain't but three things in life that's worth a solitary dime  
That's old dogs and children and watermelon wine

He said women think about themselves when their men-folk aren't around  
And friends are hard to find when they discover that you're down  
He said I tried it all when I was young and in my natural prime  
Now it's old dogs and children and watermelon wine

He said old dogs care about you even when you make mistakes  
God bless little children while they're still too young to hate  
As he moved away I got my pen and copied down that line  
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I had to catch a plane up to Atlanta the next day  
As I left for my room I saw him picking up my change  
That night I dreamed in peaceful sleep of shady summer times  
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