

# Grandpa Danced The Charleston

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All the folks at Sunset Tower  
Were in for a surprise  
A quiet man sat in the corner  
And he never caught their eyes  
Always dressed like Dapper Dan  
But never played the part  
Until he heard the banjos  
And the party got its start

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At the age of eighty two  
He was kicking up his heels  
He was doin' the skiddly-do  
The old folks home was rockin'  
Like it never rocked before  
Grandpa's knees were knockin'  
As he spun around the floor  
All the grey haired grannies  
We're out there doin' it too  
When Grandpa did the Charleston  
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Life at Sunset Towers  
Was a slow-paced kind of thing  
The most exciting sound you heard  
Was to hear the doorbell ring  
Grandpa sat at the table  
Had his head down in his tray  
Till someone dropped the needle  
On the platter that fine day

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Then out of Grandpa's pocket  
Came a flask no one had seen  
He took a sip and passed it round  
All very clandestine  
The old folks kept on dancing  
They let out all the stops  
The party got so crazy  
That somebody called the cops

Now you may be wondering  
If Grandpa slept in jail  
The officer allowed him  
To post moonshine as his bail

Get out of here, he hollered  
Let me hear no more of you  
But before you leave the station  
Let us learn a step or two

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