

THE OLD MUSICIAN AND HIS HARP

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1. Years have come and pass'd a - way, Gold - en locks have turn'd to gray,
 2. Oh! those chords with mag - ic pow'r! Take me back to child-hood's hour—
 3. Soon I'll be— a - mong the blest, Where the wea - ry are at rest—

Gold - en ring - lets, once so fair, Time has changed to sil - v'ry hair;
 To that cot - be - side the sea, Where I knelt at moth - er's knee;
 Soon I'll tread the gold - en shore, Sing - ing prais - es ev - er - more.

Yes, I've neared the riv - er side, Soon I'll launch up - on its tide—
 But that moth - er, she has gone— Calm she sleeps be - neath the stone,
 Now my boat is on the stream, I can see— its wa - ters gleam—

Soon my boat, with noise - less oar, Safe will pass - to yon - der shore.
 While I wan - der here a - lone, Sigh - ing for - a bright - er home.
 Soon I'll be - where an - gels roam— Dear old Harp, I'm go - ing home.

Bring my Harp to me a - gain, Let me sing - a gen - tle strain— Let me

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hear_ its chords once more, Ere I pass to yon bright shore.

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