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Things I knew I know no longer
in this world that's changed so much,
and thinking about it I find I must
think in ways I never thought,
for I'm seeing things I've never seen
and hearing things I've never heard.

This world, God knows, is not the place
it was when I was still a youth,
and in my heart, to tell the truth,
I love that old world, not today's,
for I'm seeing things I've never seen
and hearing things I've never heard.

I have no reason to fear death
and, God knows, I'd like to die,
as there's no pleasure in this life
and no one I can call my friend,
for I'm seeing things I've never seen
and hearing things I've never heard.

I hope and pray God will accept
the way I think for my own part,
as I've decided in my heart
never to do good works again,
for I'm seeing things I've never seen
and hearing things I've never heard.

And I wouldn't give two cents to live
more years here than what I've lived.