

Lessons From A Wiseman

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Late one night when my thoughts bordered on regret
A went for a walk and by chance I met
A very old man with the wisdom of years
All weathered and worn, but with eyes bright and clear.

Before I could speak an utterance of hello
He said "your thoughts disturb you, boy, is that not so?"
I stopped in surprise at the truth of this line
And he revealed his thoughts so much clearer than mine.

"Don't sail yourself too far out to sea, boy
'Cause the current gets stronger the farther you go
And keep yourself straight with the ones that you like, boy
'Cause you could get burned now
You never quite know."

"Don't get caught in the games you see played
'Cause there's little way out, once you've drawn, and then stayed
And the falsehoods, the lies, the smiles and the tears
Have been rules of the game now
For more than your years."

"They're your friends, and you know it, but there's something uncool
Choose your steps wisely, and don't play the rules
For the rules are not yours, and your way is not theirs
Look for the one who most surely cares."

"Being spread too thin has never been smart
Now the ones in the distance just don't leave their mark
But the ones close at hand, can make your head spin
Better slow down carefully, boy, and look where you've been."

"Don't fall prey to their games, and don't play your own
Best thing for you is to leave them alone
For their rules are not yours, and your way is not theirs
Look for the one who most surely cares."