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## OLD AGE.

Why dread it? Fearing lest the  
years shall fleece  
Thee of thine honors; do men scorn  
the oak  
Because the smiting centuries,  
stroke on stroke,  
Have stripped his crown of verdure,  
or surcease  
The guerdon of their homage that  
the peace  
Of old sits kingly on his brow sub-  
lime?—  
Be like the oak, thou! Glory thy  
prime  
To grand completeness; then let  
thronging years

Sap, if they will, thy freshness—but  
thy peers  
Owning thee nobler than thou wast  
in time  
Of thy young promise, shall but  
bring thee more  
And richer tribute than they  
brought before;  
And Age—as in glad payment of  
arrears,  
Honoring all thy hopes and all thy  
fears  
Protesting—shall give largess of  
of her store,  
And crown thee with a crown thy  
manhood never wore.

Caroline A. Mason.

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