

"People Will Talk."

You may go through this world
 But 'twill be very slow,
If you listen to all that is said as you go,
You'll be worried and fretted and kept in a stew,
For Meddlesome tongues must have something to do,
 And people will talk.

If quiet and modest you'll have it presumed
That your humble position is only assumed,
You're a wolf in sheep's clothing or else you're a fool,
But don't get excited--keep perfectly cool,
 For people will talk.

Then if you show the least boldness of heart,
Or a slight inclination to take your own part,
They will call you an upstart conceited and vain,
But keep straight ahead, don't stop to explain,
 For people will talk.

If your dress is the fashion don't seek to escape,
For they criticize then in a different shape.
You're ahead of your means or you're tailor's unpaid,
But mind your own business, there's naught to be made.
 For people will talk.

Now the best way to do is to do as you please,
For your mind if you have one will then be at ease.
Of course you will meet with all sorts of abuse,
But don't think it stops them--*it ain't any use.*
 For people will talk.

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