

OLD TIME RIVER MAN

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WHERE DOES AN OLD TIME RIVER MAN GO AFTER HE'S PASSED AWAY?

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DOES HIS SOUL STILL KEEP A WATCH ON THE DEEP

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FOR THE REST OF THE RIVER DAYS?

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DOES HE THEN COME BACK AS A CHANNEL CAT

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OR THE WASPS THAT LIGHT ON THE WHEEL?

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OR THE BIRDS THAT FLY THROUGH A SUMMER SKY

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OR THE FISH SWIMMING UNDER THE KEEL?

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WHERE DOES AN OLD TIME PILOT GO AFTER HE'S STOOD HIS LAST WATCH?

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DOES HE FALL BY THE EAR OF THE MAN WHO STEERS

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SAYING HOLD HER ON THAT NOTCH

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THERE'S A GENTLE SNEEZE IN THE RIVER BREEZE

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SAYING SON I'M GOIN' TO BED.

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AND THEY LIGHT THEIR PIPES AND GO OFF IN THE NIGHT

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OR WAS THAT FIREFLIES INSTEAD?

G **D** **A** **D**
WHERE DOES AN OLD TIME ENGINEER GO AFTER HE'S COOLED HER DOWN?

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GONE UP THE HILL TO NEVER COME BACK, ON THE QUIET SIDE OF TOWN.

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DOES HIS SOUL LIVE ON IN THE ENGINE SONGS

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WHILE THE STRIKER CHECKS THE GEARS?

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IS HE STILL AFLOAT ON AN OLD STEAM BOAT AFTER HE'S GONE FROM HERE?