## Poor Old Horse



My clothing once was linsey-woolsey fine, My hair unlinkt and my coat it did shine. But now in open fields I'm forc'd for to go, To face the cold winter and the hailstorm and snow. Crying "Poor old horse, O poor old horse."

My bait it once was of the best of hay That ever grew in fields or in meadows gay; But now to no such comfort I can get at all. I'm forced for the crop the short grass that grows upon the wall. Crying "Poor old horse, O poor old horse."

My days are near an end, and now I must die And at some lownd dike back my weary bowk may lie; I do not greatly mind, for I'm clean done anyhow And my master does not care, for I'm worse than useless now. Crying "Poor old horse, O poor old horse." My skin unto the huntsman I freely do give My flesh unto the hounds I also bequeath Likewise my body stout, that's gone o'er so many miles Over hedge, over ditches, over gates and over stiles. Crying "Poor old horse, O poor old horse."