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## "FACE THE FUTURE WITH GRACE"

My car has a windshield,  
It's big, wide, and true.  
Plus a slim little mirror -  
Allowing me a rear view.

Two glasses to serve me,  
One focused ahead.  
The other looking behind me  
The past in my head.

We know which to favor,  
The future's always the rage.  
The past is so yesterday -  
Come turn now the page!

So this issue's settled,  
All look at what's new!  
Forget all your past life,  
It will make you feel blue.

We are naturally hopeful  
For most of our years.  
So much life ahead  
Full of more joy than tears.

But slowly it happens,  
And it will happen to you.  
You start looking now backwards  
Through the mirror rear view.

You wonder what happened  
To "I can't wait to see!"  
You can't recall planning  
How your future would be.

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As age comes upon us -  
All men get in line.  
We face some hard choices -  
How to think about time.

What once came as simple -  
What came then with ease,  
Now challenges boldly,  
Harsh wind and cold breeze.

The challenge I speak of,  
Is the challenge of view.  
Do we start looking backwards  
And miss what is new?

The question's not easy  
If our life has been full.  
So must to endear to us  
To the past and its pull.

The best I can offer,  
The best road to take  
Help others with their plans  
Their lives ready to make.

God knows of this problem,  
As all others we face.  
Let the lessons of your life  
Help another with grace.

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