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"Then & Now"

They say an ex-Ambassador
Is as 'ex' as you can get.
And a former CEO
Is a once-was President.

A fifty-year-old pitcher
Is a man who's lost his curve.
An elderly heart surgeon
Can't cut – he's lost his nerve.

A heavy weight prizefighter
Who has lost his killer punch.
A flashy Wall Street trader
Missing now his magic hunch.

Proud mother of four children
Raised them up and now they're gone.
A one-time, one-hit wonder
His life's work is just one song?

The designer of prop aircraft
The jet has done him in.
The seller of the fountain pen
Museums now they're in.

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**The maker of the Blackberry
Once lord of hand-held things.
The owner of antique shops
Millennials want new blings.**

**The painter of the portrait
The camera snaps so fast.
A seamstress sewing dresses
Clothes today aren't made to last.**

**A marriage made in heaven
On earth has now gone stale.
A movie that was all the rage
Is now a long-lost tale.**

**Here's a 3-star General
Who's without his lost command.
The Beatles were the Kings of Pop
Now a memory is that band.**

**Ambitious, bright, and happy
Now she wonders why she failed.
Clever, strong and fast
Brought a lifetime being jailed.**

**The twist of fame and fortune
Humble most of us - at last.
What we were is one thing,
But we can't live in the past.**

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The twists of fate and fortune

One is happy, one is sad.

Life's not a dress rehearsal,

Let the present make you glad.

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