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There was an Old Man with a nose,
Who said, “If you choose to suppose
That my nose is too long,
You are certainly wrong!”
That remarkable Man with a nose.

There was an Old Man of the Hague,
Whose ideas were excessively vague;
He built a balloon,
To examine the moon,
That deluded Old Man of the Hague.

There was an Old Man of Moldavia,
Who had the most curious behaviour;
For while he was able,
He slept on a table,
That funny Old Man of Moldavia.

