Hello In There

John Prine

We had an apartment in the city
Me and Loretta liked living there
It'd been years since the kids had grown
A life of their own, left us aloneJohn and Linda live in Omaha

And Joe is somewhere on the road

We lost Davy in the Korean war

And I still don't know what for, don't matter anymore Ya' know that old trees just grow stronger

And old rivers grow wilder every day

Old people just grow lonesome Waiting for someone to say, "Hello in there, hello"

Me and Loretta, we don't talk much more

She sits and stares through the back door screen

And all the news just repeats itself

Like some forgotten dream that we've both seenSomeday I'll go and call up Rudy

We worked together at the factory

But what could I say if asks, "What's new?"

Nothing, what's with you? Nothing much to doYa' know that old trees just grow stronger

And old rivers grow wilder every day

Old people just grow lonesome

Waiting for someone to say, "Hello in there, hello"

So if you're walking down the street sometime

And spot some hollow ancient eyes

Please don't just pass 'em by and stare

As if you didn't care, say, "Hello in there, hello"

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