

Old John Robertson  
(Hillman/McGuinn)

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Children laughed and played and didn't know his name  
They could tell when he was coming just the same  
Walking slow with old John's crippled wife by his side  
Then she sighed, then she died  
Magic words from him would charm some children's ears  
But they laughed at him when he hid behind his tears  
All in vain was no game for he'd lost an old friend  
in the end, in the end

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