

It's A Pretty Old Gag, But It Goes - song lyrics

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It's a Pretty Old Gag, but It Goes.
Written by E. L. O'Connor.

How pleasant it is to watch love's young dream
Smile sweetly on two loving hearts;
And, oh, how she listens with joyous delight
To the story that Cupid imparts.
He'll call her his sweetness, his duck and his dove,
And such other names, heaven knows;
And swear he'll be good, as all husbands should,
Is a pretty old gag, but it goes.

Chorus.
It's a pretty old gag, but it goes,
It's a pretty old gag, but it goes;
And swear he'll be good, us all husbands should,
Is a pretty old gag, but it goes.

You have heard much of late that the Chinese would go,
And the Geary act was the thing;
You have waited and waited to learn how 'twould work,
But I fear that no hope it will bring.
'Tis N. O. molasses to catch silly rites,
And make demagogues. I suppose;
Yet O'Donnell will shout: "Put the Chinese to work!" -
Is a pretty old gag, but it goes.

Chorus.
. It's a pretty old gag, but it goes,
It's a pretty old gag, but it goes;
Yet O'Donnell will shout: "Put the Chinese to work!" -
Is a pretty old gag, but it goes.

You go out with the boys for an evening of fun,
And, of course, leave your darling at home;
But to ease her of doubts you will tell her a friend
Has died; you're requested to come.
But when you go home in the morning at two,
With a load tucked under your clothes,
You will say, at the wake you had just one milk shake-
Is a pretty old gag, but it goes.

Chorus.
It's a pretty old gag, but it goes,
It's a pretty old gag, but it goes;
You will say, at the wake you had just one milk shake-
Is a pretty old gag, but it goes.

There are men on the stage who quite funny may seem,
And try very hard to be gay;
Who will tell you a tale that will cause you to think
You have heard that same joke 'fore to-day;
About mother-in-laws, and papa's big boot,
And Mamie's big sister's beau;
Of the whiskers that need windy weather-indeed
Are pretty old gags, but they go.

Chorus.
Are pretty old gags, but they go.
Are pretty old gags, but they go;
Of the whiskers that need windy weather-Indeed
Are pretty old gags, but they go.