End of Day

The old man gently rests his oar
The rowing's almost done
Yonder lies the docking point
Dim lit by the setting sun

A few more strokes, an easy glide
The trek will be complete
The prow will touch the nearing shore
Reprieved aching arms, cramping feet

The journey's dawn so long ago
Held no hint nor sense
Of trials nor tasks nor vagaries
Nor earthly recompense

But now the day is almost done
Wisdoms gently fade
It matters not what's gone before
So ends a life's parade