

THE AGED

(Öregék)

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♩ = 44
pp

Soprano
A pi - ti - ful sight, these a - ged folk! For some - times I see them

Alto
See,

Tenore
See them

Basso

PIANO
for rehearsal only

pass by my window, their wea - ry backs bent 'neath gath - ered fag - gots, in wind and in rain, as

See them bent 'neath gath - ered

pas - - - sing See them bent be - neath their

cresc.

homeward they go. Or else I see them in sum - mer heat as tired they rest in the

fag - gots. Or else I see them in sum - mer heat as tired they

load. Or I see them as they

Or I see them rest - ing in

cresc.

f *dim.* *poco sost.* *p*

sul - try sun - shine, in heat of sum - mer in sul - try sun - shine. On
 rest in sul - try sun shine, sul - try sun - shine. On
 rest in sum - mer sun shine, sum - mer sun - shine.
 sum - mer sun - shine.

f *dim.* *poco sost.* *p*

a tempo *pp*

win - ter nights be - side the stove they lie down wea - ry, and sound - ly they sleep.
 win - ter nights be - side the stove they lie down wea - ry, and sound - ly they sleep.
 And in win - ter by the stove they
 And in win - ter by the stove they

a tempo *pp*

Bowed and humble in church they stand and stretch out their hands in dull des - pair, they
 Bowed and humble in church they stand and stretch out their hands in dull des - pair, —
 soundly — sleep — helpless and sad and care - worn,
 soundly — sleep — Withered and dried as