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MUSIC MAN

Old music man standing on the street corner
Slouching body propped upon a cane,
Your yellow weathered skin,
dull with age,
defies the sunlight.
Waiting.
You smile,
that of a jack-o-lantern,
exposing rotting teeth as yellow as buttercups.
Your dark deep set eyes,
hidden by thick spectacles,
show the pain in your heart like a picture window.
Your head, like a freshly polished coin,
allows the sun to shimmer upon the stretched skin.
Waiting, patiently waiting.
You stand there each day,
old battered tuba clutched to your concave chest,
with one wrinkled claw.
Quietly you whisper solemn prayer,
Waiting, patiently waiting for your day to come.

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