

## **GRANNIE**

**OH GRANNIE I LOVE YOUR DEAR SMILING FACE,  
TELL ME WHAT LIGHTENS YOUR BROW?**

**GRANNIE I OFTEN HAVE WATCHED YOU OF LATE,  
FRAIL AND TREMBLING, BUT NOW YOU SMILE.**

**AS IF YOUTH HAD SUDDENLY CAME  
TO BRIGHTEN YOUR WRINKLES AND HAIR,  
GRANNIE, YOU LOOK JUST AS SWEET TO MY EYES  
AS A MAIDEN OF TWENTY SO FAIR.**

**TELL ME WHAT THAT LIGHT THERE DOTHS SHINE  
HOW CAN YOU PATIENT BE, GRANNIE OF MINE.  
I LOVE YOUR DEAR FACE AS THE TWILIGHT I SEE  
CHASING ALL CARE AND LEAVING YOU FREE.**

**GRANNIE, YOUR LIFE HAS BEEN ONE SACRIFICE, DEAR,  
COME LAY YOUR HAND IN MINE**

**I AM LEARNING TO KNOW WHAT IS NEAR.**

**YOU GAZE ON A PICTURE OBSCURE TO MINE EYES  
IT BRINGS YOU BACK MEMORIES OF DEAR HOMELAND TIES,  
IT TAKES YOUR THOUGHTS BACK AGAIN OVER THE YEARS,  
MEMORIES BRIGHT TO YOU, MY GRANNIE DEAR.**