

Sailing to Byzantium Quotes

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Quotes

"That is no country for old men."

Explanation:

The poet says young people enjoy love, music, and nature. But they ignore the old. So, the country is not for aged people.

*"An aged man is but a paltry thing,
A tattered coat upon a stick."*

Explanation:

The poet compares an old man to a weak, useless figure like a coat hanging on a stick.

"Consume my heart away; sick with desire."

Explanation:

The poet wants to remove his weak heart that is full of worldly desires.

*"Once out of nature I shall never take
My bodily form from any natural thing."*

Explanation:

After death, the poet wants a spiritual, eternal form—not anything natural or decaying.

"Of hammered gold and gold enamelling."

Explanation:

The poet wants to become a golden work of art—beautiful and eternal.

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