

## Old People in the Grocery Store

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It's easy enough to pass judgment  
but, really, who hasn't been lonely enough  
to want to tell the guy behind the fish counter  
how you used to catch those shrimp  
with your toes in the Long Island Sound  
when you were a boy, or ask the produce manager  
if he got to go to Hawaii to pick those pineapples?  
You might even find yourself so starved  
for conversation that you inquire of a stranger  
the location of the "prescription aisle"  
just so you can point to the frozen treats  
in the case behind you and say with a wink,  
"sorry, looks like I just found it."

