Old Before His Time - song lyrics

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Oh, many are the things that I could gather in a rhyme,
That tend to make poor suff'ring man crow old before his time:
There's such a lot of worries, such anxiety and care,
There's loss of wealth, there's loss of health and also loss of hair;
There's loss of sleep and appetite, and also hope or heart-
All having equal tendency to make your youth depart.
And that everlasting tariff, out of reason, out of rhyme,
That's enough to make one old before his time.
Yes, that is one thing, yes, that Is one thing makes a man old before his time;
Yes, that is one thing, yes, that is one thing makes a man old before his time.

The modern school of acting's such a thing of pure delight;
The heroine has consumption, the hero meningitis,
The villain yellow jaundice -oh, his sufferings are fearful.
The scene's laid in a hospital to make it nice and cheerful.
And the happ'nings, though abnormal, are supported by statistics,
It's a school of realism and endorsed by realistics.
And the audience are wading through the mire And the slime,
As they feel themselves grow old before their time.
Yes, that is one thing, yes, that is one thing makes a man old before his time;
Yes, that is one thing, yes, that is one thing makes a man old before his time.