

Goodbye to my old Brown Shoes

Well, old friends, it's the end of the road for you today.

Reluctantly, together with other things, I am throwing you both away.

But let's not think of it quite like that, you are going to a better place,

To the landfill, the municipal garbage dump, in your case.

I hope you'll be happy there in the trash with your laces,

You'll be right at home with cool stuff you find in such places.

You can watch scavenging seagulls being chased by a black cat.

Or dodge the bulldozer that squashes everything down flat.

Far into the future, in a few thousand years, I reckon,

You'll be dug up by antiquity hunters and put in a museum.

Visitors will be amazed to see you, shoes from a long lost civilization.

When you least expect it, you will become famous and be viewed on television.

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What? You aren't happy with my plan? But it's the best I can do.
Instead you could go to the Trash to Energy Plant, couldn't you?
But, that's a giant incinerator! I just can't send you there.
There's no future in that. You would just disappear into thin air!

Well, at last I have started sorting stuff around the house that we
accumulated over time.

Some call it downsizing. Hard to do, but the idea is fine.

As you know, I purchased you as a pair many years ago.

You served me well, so let me polish you both before you go.

One last time, let me look at your old shiny faces.

Let's remember good times we had when we used to go places.

With your worn down heels, your wrinkled uppers and toes.

Whoever made you should be proud, who was it? Who knows?

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But, tucked away in my bedroom closet, of no more use to me,
You were taking up valuable space, you see.
I guess I kept you both for sentimental reasons,
And I appreciate how good you were for all those years in all seasons.

Sadly, you know, it almost gives me the blues
To say Goodbye to you, my favorite old brown shoes.
So farewell, stay together, keep dry, and you'll be fine.
Oh, by the way, do you like my new brown shoes that I bought online?