

THE RAMBLIN' ROVER

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There are men of over ninety who have never yet kissed a girl.
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I have roamed through all the nations ta'n delight in all creation
And enjoyed a wee sensation when the company did prove kind.
And when parting was no pleasure - I drunk another measure
To the good friends that we treasure for they'll always be on my mind.

There's many who feign enjoyment from merciless employment,
Their ambition was this deployment from the minute they left the
school.

And they save and scrape and ponder while the rest go out and
squander,
See the world and rove and wander and they're happier as a rule.

If you're bent with arthritis, your bowels have got colitis,
And also conjunctivitis and you're thinking it's time you died.
If you've been a man of action as you're lying there in traction,
You will gain some satisfaction thinking, "Jesus, at least I tried."

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