Hello In There

John Prine

C Dm G7
We had an apartment in the city,
C Dm G7
Me and Loretta liked living there.
Em F
Well its been years since the kids had grown,
C G
A life of their own left us alone.

Chorus:

Bb G
Ya know that old trees just grow stronger,
Bb C
And old rivers grow wilder every day.
Em F
Old people just grow lonesome
C G C
Waiting for someone to say Hello in there, hello.

C Dm G7

Me and Loretta we don't talk much more,
C Dm G7

She sits and stares through the back door screen.
Em F

And all the news just repeats itself
C G

Like some forgotten dream that we've both seen.

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C Dm G7
Someday I'll go and call up Rudy,
C Dm G7
We worked together at the factory.
Em F
But what could I say if he asks What's new
C G
Nothing, what's with you? Nothing much to do.

Chorus:

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And old rivers grow wilder every day.
Em F
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C G C
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C Dm G7

So if you're walking down the street sometime
C Dm G7

And spot some hollow ancient eyes,
Em F

Please don't just pass them by and stare
C G C

As if you didn't care, say Hello in there, hello
G C

Say Hello in there, hello

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[C]We had an [Dm]apartment in the [G7]city,
[C]Me and Lo[Dm]retta liked living [G7]there.
[Em]Well its been years since the [F]kids had grown,
A life [C]of their own left [G]us alone.

[C]John and [Dm]Linda live in [G7]Omaha,
[C]And Joe is [Dm]somewhere on the [G7]road.
[Em]We lost Davy in the Kor[F]ean war,
And I still don't [C]know what for don't matter [G]anymore.

Chorus:

[Bb]Ya know that old trees just grow [G]stronger,
And old [Bb]rivers grow wilder every [C]day.
[Em]Old people just grow [F]lonesome
Waiting for [C]someone to say Hel[G]lo in there, hel[C]lo.

[C]Me and [Dm]Loretta we don't [G7]talk much more, [C]She sits and [Dm]stares through the back door [G7]screen. [Em]And all the news just re[F]peats itself Like some for[C]gotten dream that [G]we've both seen.

[C]Someday [Dm]I'll go and call up [G7]Rudy,
[C]We worked to[Dm]gether at the factor[G7]y.
[Em]But what could I say if he [F]asks What's new
Nothing, [C]what's with you? Nothing [G]much to do.

Chorus:

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[C]So if you're [Dm]walking down the [G7]street sometime [C]And spot some [Dm]hollow ancient [G7]eyes, [Em]Please don't just pass them [F]by and stare As if you [C]didn't care, say Hel[G]lo in there, hel[C]lo Say Hel[G]lo in there, hel[C]lo