

NEVER TRUST ANYONE OVER 30  
(1970s Outcry-of-Rage against Age)  
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(126 words)

Much have I marveled over realms of the old.  
Whose forbearers they held so high in esteem.  
For age is the factor that should always glean  
A love and respect for the old – so we're told.  
In the wake of a war, world-peace turned cold  
While houses and babies boomed like a dream.  
But skies grew grey, 'twas an incredible scene -  
Boomers-in-bloom were waging war on the old.

'Never Trust Anyone over 30', they would bray.  
Surely they knew years-of-youth are short-lived.  
Of 78 million, thousands a day turn 65 and gray.  
Rage against age is an outrage - yet they thrived.  
But if our youth today held sway the same way,  
Could these aging old boomers have survived ?

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The above (126 words) is a 'social satire' adapted to sonnet-form.

America's lingering "youth culture" is a Nemesis that plagues the nation. The 14-line sonnet above is the short of a 7-page story on this provocative subject. Meanwhile, baby boomers are fast becoming seniors.

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