



OLD AND IN THE WAY

Old and in the Way is the self-titled first album by the [bluegrass](#) band [Old and in the Way](#). It was recorded 10/8/73 at the Boarding House in [San Francisco](#) by Owsley Stanley and Vickie Babcock utilizing eight microphones (four per channel) mixed live onto a stereo Nagra tape recorder.

Refrain:

C **D** **G** **C**
Old and in the way, that's what I heard them say

Am **C** **G**
They used to heed the words he said, but that was yester-day

C **D** **G** **C**
Gold will turn to gray and youth will fade a-way

Am **C** **G**
They'll never care a-bout you while you're old and in the way

D **G**
 Once I hear tell, he was happy

C **G** **D**
 Had his share of friends and good times

C
 Now, those friends have all passed on

G **Em**
 He don't have no place called home

Am **C** **G**
 Like the old dog gone a-stray, he's just old and in the way

Refrain

D **G**
 When just a boy, he left his home

C **G** **D**
 Thought he'd have the world on a string

C
 Now the years have come and gone

G **Em**
 Through the streets he walks a-lone

Am **C** **G**
 Lookin' back to a better day, feelin' old and in the way