

## **Same Old Slang Line**

*A parody of “Same Old Lang Syne,” recorded by Dan Fogelberg  
(1 John 3:18)*

Met my old pastor in a Christian store  
I had just returned on mission leave  
He was hangin in the self-help aisle  
I said, "how ya doin' Steve"

When he looked up his time-worn face was terse  
Then his stern look did subside  
I'd be speaking over at his church  
'Cause my support they still provide

I'll need to tell them of my ministry  
Trying not to be a brag  
I must admit while I need to serve  
Yet my enthusiasm sags

I'd enjoy it more and they would too  
If my family weren't so far  
I often wish we could rest at home  
The mission life seems so bizarre

We said a prayer with some pretense,  
We prayed as we learned how  
Neither believed it when said  
We'd keep in touch more now

He said he'd pray for me as you'd expect  
We both knew well of God's supply  
I said I'd pray for him, what else to do  
Meaning that at least I'd try

A dozen years his church supported me  
They had not failed to follow through  
How many knew me there I wasn't sure  
And their support won't pay for food

He said he's glad that I'll return for more  
That my life on the field was doin' swell  
I said the ministry was heavenly  
I wish the selling was as well

*Valley Bible Church – Music Lyrics*

We said a prayer with some pretense,  
We prayed as we learned how  
Neither believed it when we said  
We'd keep in touch more now

We said a prayer with some pretense,  
We prayed as we had time  
With words would give no offense,  
Another old slang line

I had to think of all that he'd acquired  
Tempted to compare our pay  
It didn't make me feel too devout  
As I mourned my feet of clay

I caught myself in thinking like a fool  
I had nothing to complain  
In my heart these words were set in stone  
What I gave up was really gain

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