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there was a gentleman on the
bench today
i ain't ever seen him here before
he must be new
he looks tired, beat,
even saddened a lil'

but, he got on a nice shirt
and a real nice pair of trousers
but, where's his shoes?

a man ain't got no right being
without his own shoes

must be a reas'n tho'
i wonder if they in that raggedy
bag
he holds on to
don't look like it
looks like old clothes 'n there
must be his suitcase

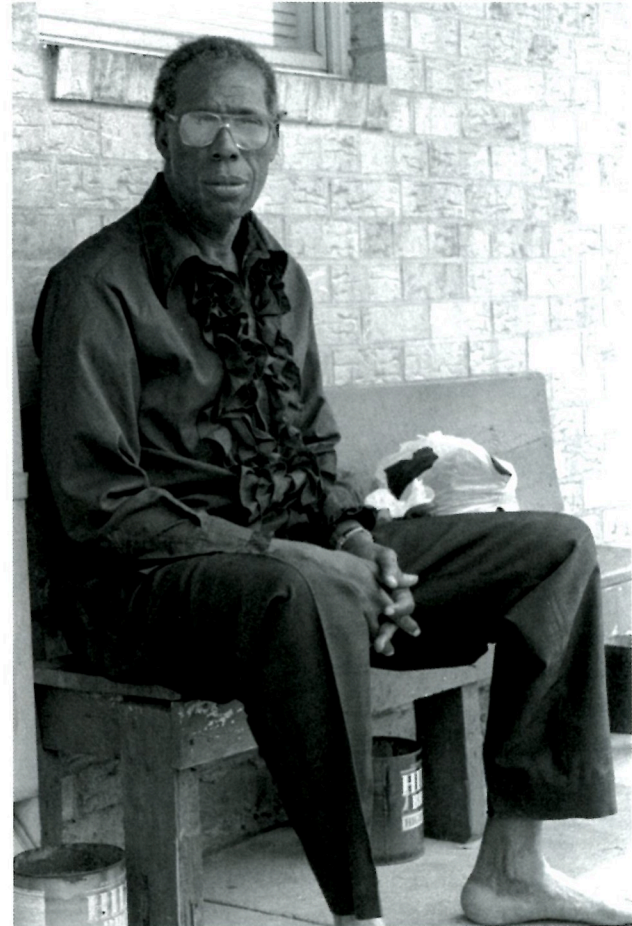
he ought to have something he
can put on his feet

his glasses could use a good
cleanin' i know that much
i would offer but he seems not to
wanna be bothered
he ain't even 'tempt to say hello
and he lookin' right at me

but one day he will
until then, i'll just wait
looks like he'll be needing
someone to
talk to soon enough anyhow

Here

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