

Hank Snow

"Old Faithful"

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To Thee my Master I offer my prayer

Feed me water me and care for me

And when the long day's work is done provide me with
shelter

A clean dry bed where I can lie down in comfort

Always try be kind to me your voice often means far
more to me than the reins

And pet me sometimes that I may serve you the more
gladly and learn to love you

Don't jerk the reins strike beat and kick me when I don't
understand what you want

But give me the chance to understand you

Don't tie me where water can drip on me and please
keep me well shod

And examine my teeth when I don't eat

I may have an ulcerated tooth and that is very painful

Don't tie my head in an unnatural position or take away
my best defense

Against flies and mosquitos by cutting off my tail

I can't tell you when I am thirsty so give me good clear
cool water real often

Save me by all means in your power from that fatal
disease the glandars

I can't tell you in words when I don't feel good or when I
am sick

So watch me so that by signs you may always know my
condition

Give me all possible shelter from the hot sun and put a
blanket over me

Not when I am traveling or working but when I am
standing in the cold

Never put a frosty or dirty bit in my mouth but first
clean it and warm it in your hands

I try to carry you and your burdens without a murmur

And wait patiently for you long hours of the day and
night

Without the power to chose my shoes or path

I sometimes slip and fall on the hard pavement which I
often prayed

Might be of a nature to give me a good sure footing

Remember I that must be ready at any moment to lose
my life while in your service

And finally dear Master when my useful strength is
gone

Don't turn me out to starve or freeze

Or sell me to some cruel owner who will slowly starve
and torture me to death

But do Thou my Master take my life in the kindest way
you can

And your God will reward you here and after

You wouldn't consider me irreverant if I ask this in the
name of him

Who was born in a stable will you

Amen

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