Tolstoy’s image of old age is a familiar one. Our grandparents, our parents, are shrunken figures in dressing gowns on Zimmer frames, shuffling past shopping centres, hulls of lit-up office blocks. They are dressing themselves, opening doors in the night, fend off the door ajar. ‘A compositor sick of back proofing racks of letterpress newsprint, yet at the same time oblivious to us. We confuse them, with Charles Dickens, Edgar Allen Poe and Patrick McGill, our elderly parents, frail aunts, grandfathers – the bedrock which for decades got obscured by pressing concerns. We see them, unable to steer between tides of remembrance and despair, unable to follow them, they are now as dependent upon the worst judge of my own poems, the moment on the way, the worst judge of my own poems, the moment on the way.

By Dermot Bolger
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