King Lear-Cal Smith
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[3/4 time]

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G                                                          C
There's an old man in town named O'Leary but we call him Lear
   D7                                                     G
He lives in a world grownup people can't get to from here
                                                    G7          C
But he's magic to children and they love this gentle old man
         D7                                                  G
He can't relate to grownups but we know that God understands

                                                             C
You can find him on a bench on the courthouse lawn everyday
      D7                                                   G
Where the kids and their pets all gather and joyfully play
                                                 G7          C
People pass and they notice how happy each little face gets
          D7                                                        G
When they all gather round him for candy and treats for their pets

                                  C
He's a king reining there on the courthouse square
      D7                           G
Grown people can't get there from here
                            C
He sets in the sun and his subjects all come
       D7                        G
To pay homage to good old King Lear

                                                             C
The town folks all know that the old man is slow in his mind
    D7                                                     G
But God sent us a gift more precious than we'll ever find
                                                 G7      C
The sun beams upon him each morning like a halo of love
        D7                                                  G
And wherever he goes he's encircled by white turtle doves

Repeat #3

    D7                                 G
And we're thankful for good old King Lear
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