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Old woman, old woman, are you fond of smoking?_
Speak a little louder, sir, I'm rather hard of hearing.

Old woman, old woman, are you fond of carding?_
Speak a little louder, sir, I'm rather hard of hearing.

Old woman, old woman, don't you want me to court you?
Speak a little louder, sir, I've just begun to hear you.

Old woman, old woman, don't you want to marry me?
Lord have mercy on my soul, I think now I hear you.

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