

Crumbling Stones Crush Our Self Esteem

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They terrify-- each wrinkle, jowl, bald spot,
potbelly, and curved spine,
as our rock and rollers age ungracefully
in web-enabled public view.

Jimi and Janis remain fierce and beautiful
but Brian looks like a bloated corpse
and Jagger struts, a shrunken cadaver,
twitched in time by amped electrodes.

