Too Soon Old, Too Late Smart. How true that old proverb is! As we revue the ups and downs of our lives we realize how much our young minds needed to know back when we lacked the humility to acknowledge it. Yahoo tells us that the well-worn phrase, often seen on refrigerator magnets or kitchen walls, is perhaps “… a German, Dutch, Yiddish, Chinese, Japanese, Pennsylvanian German, Amish, Swedish or Danish proverb.

While many bemoan the passing of time between youth and old age, others use humor to lessen the realism of aging.

“Wisdom is the reward for surviving our own stupidity,” suggests Brian Rathbone.

Ray Bradbury wrote in The Illustrated Man, “We’re all fools all the time. It's just we're a different kind each day. We think, I'm not a fool today. I’ve learned my lesson. I was a fool yesterday but not this morning. Then tomorrow we find out that yes we were a fool today too. I think the only way we can grow and get on in this world is to accept the fact we're not perfect and live accordingly.”

An excerpt from Jarod Kintz’s book, “Who Moved my Choose?..(An Amazing Way to Deal With Change by Deciding to Let Indecision Into Your Life) reads “I’m willing to die for the woman I love. I just want to take 75 years to do it.”

John Wilmot wrote, “Before I got married I had six theories about raising children; now, I have six children and no theories.”

This gem comes from Dave Barry: “As you get older; you've probably noticed that you tend to forget things. You'll be talking with somebody at a party, and you'll know that you know this person, but no matter how hard you try, you can't remember his or her name. This can be very embarrassing, especially if he or she turns out to be your spouse.”

Phyllis Diller quips, “Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out. I'm at an age when my back goes out more than I do.”
Here’s one from Harvey Fierstein: “There comes a time in every Salome's life when she should no longer be dropping the last veil.”

The following was gathered from John Blumenthal’s Blog.

“You know you're getting old when you get that one candle on the cake. It's like, see if you can blow this out.” Jerry Seinfeld

“I have so many liver spots, I ought to come with a side of onions.” Phyllis Diller

Talk about getting old. I was getting dressed and a peeping tom looked in the window, took a look and pulled down the shade,” Joan Rivers

“I don't plan to grow old gracefully. I plan to have face-lifts until my ears meet.” Rita Rudner

“When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of algebra.” Will Rogers.

“He's so old that when he orders a three-minute egg, they ask for the money up front.” George Burns

“I'm so old they've canceled my blood type.” Bob Hope

From Just-One-Liners we found:

“Old age is (when you’re) ready to undertake tasks that youth shirked because they would take too long.” Kyle Dunnigan

“I ask myself questions in those stores I don’t ask myself anywhere else, like, will I live long enough to use all those paper towels?” Groucho Marx

“You know you get that tattoo of barbed wire when you’re eighteen, but by the time you’re eighty, it’s like a picket fence.” Robin Williams

“I’ll tell you how to stay young: hang around with old people.” Bob Hope

Found on FaceBook: “I’ve decided I’m not old. I’m 25 plus shipping and handling!”

Works for me!