

Diction

Consider:

An aged man is but a paltry thing
A **tattered** coat upon a stick....

— W. B. Yeats, “Sailing to Byzantium”

Discuss:

1. What picture is created by the use of the word *tattered*?
2. By understanding the connotations of the word *tattered*, what do we understand about the persona's attitude toward *an aged man*?

Apply:

List three adjectives that can be used to describe a pair of shoes. Each adjective should connote a different feeling about the shoes. Discuss your list with a partner. Share one of the best adjectives with the class.