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A FRIEND ADVISES ME TO STOP DRINKING

In my young days I drank a  
Lot of wine. There is nothing  
Wrong with the love of a drink. Now  
I am old and my teeth and  
Hairs are few and far between.  
I still love to drink, but I  
Can't do it like I used to.  
Now when i drink it upsets  
My stomach. There is not much  
Pleasure in it. Today I  
Got drunk and could not hold up  
My head. The room turned round and round.  
Seeking pleasure, I find only  
Sickness. This is certainly  
Not the way to care for my health.  
Maybe I should give it up  
Altogether. I am afraid  
People will laugh at me. Still,  
You say it would be a good  
Idea. There's not much pleasure  
In a sour stomach and  
Bad breath. I really know that I  
Ought to stop. If I don't do it,  
I don't know what will happen to me.

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