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## All Change on the Money Front





Away back in my early days,
We still had Pounds, Shillings and Pence;
This served us well for countless years,
To change it didn't make sense.

But the higher powers went ahead,
And changed to decimal currency;
Then all the money value changed,
When the familiar was taken away.

When you go decimal shopping, remember  $10^{\prime\prime}$  = 50p

Other changes are likely to follow,

This is really quite good in a way;

They are so bright and cheerful now,

From the ones we had in Granny's day.

The look of money is changing again,

The £1 coin has flat bits on the rim;

Paper £5 notes have been replaced,

By beautiful strong ones, not so slim.

Young folk got on with it quite well,
But the older folk got confused;
The value and shape changed so much,
From the cash they had always used.



Old now, I look back on sweet memories,

For nothing brought as much pleasure you see;

As running an errand for Granny back then,

And the thrill spending the treasured Bawbie.



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