

Repeated steps

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The stage has worn down from repeated steps

The audience is no longer amazed

The applause that was once a standing ovation

Is now nothing but a scattered clap or two

The performance

And the performer

Haven't changed

But the audience has

The best is now expected

Late audience members may shuffle their way in every once in awhile

They may sit there

Chirp and clap

But once they have seen it before

It is destined to become an old act

Something predicted

Something repetitive

And the performer knows

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