

Old Age Samurai

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I have no memory
I make awareness my memory.

I have no strength
I make community my strength.

I have no occupation
I make truth my occupation.

I have no hearing and vision
I make stillness my hearing and vision.

I have no wealth
I make wisdom my wealth.

I have no beauty
I make lovingkindness my beauty.

I have no agility
I make patience my agility.

I have no health
I make joyfulness my health.

I have no legacy
I make emptiness my legacy.

I have no home
I make the here and now my home.

I have no power
I make fearlessness my power.

I have no children
I make everyone my children.

I have no plan
I make surrender my plan.