ODD MAN OUT?

They call him Goody-goody Because he won't oblige By using things like steroids To increase the pony's size.

They call him Fuddy-duddy Because he does not choose To make his pony lift his knees Through wearing heavy shoes.

They say he's dull and out of date
Because he has a passion
For truth and honest dealing
That are sadly out of fashion.

They think he's made to play it straight
To sacrifice the glory
They do not seem to realise
That fame's not half the story.

That when the years have run their course And we are dead and gone The things we thought important Will be living on and on.

That goodness, truth and honesty
Existing in the mind
Become embodied in the stock
We needs must leave behind.

This legacy of lasting worth He will not compromise A virtue that's immortal Shines in the pony's eyes

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