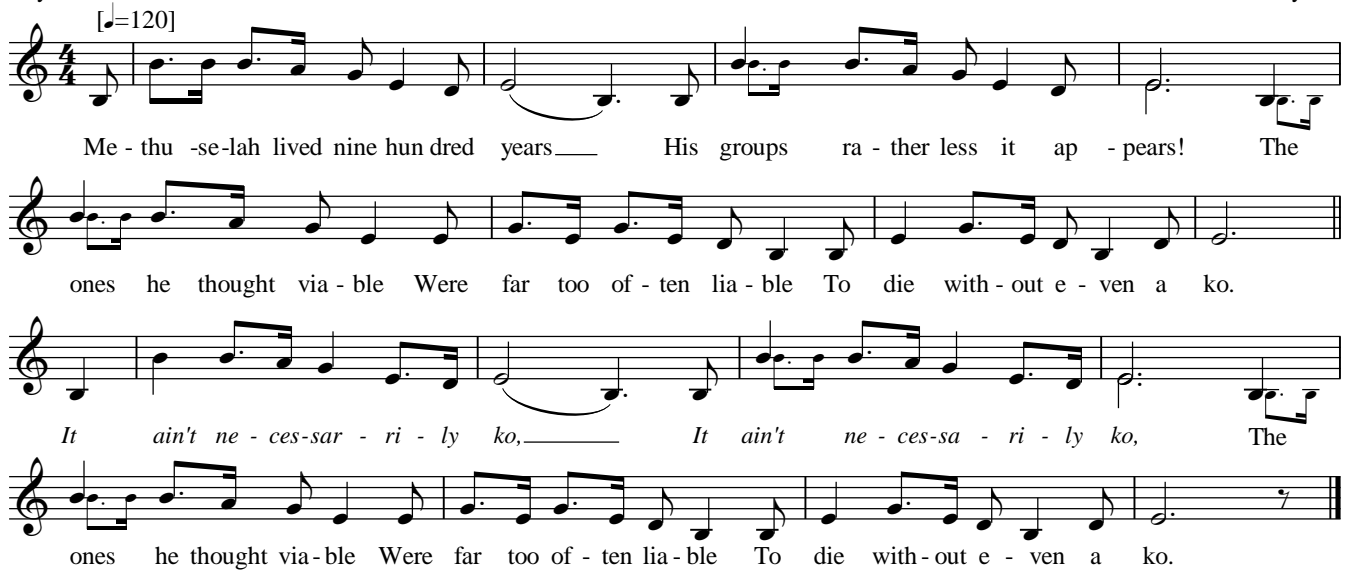


## 6. It ain't necessarily ko

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Me - thu -se-lah lived nine hun dred years — His groups ra - ther less it ap - pears! The  
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Methuselah lived nine hundred years,  
His groups rather less, it appears.  
The ones he thought viable  
Were far too often liable  
To die, without even a ko.  
*It ain't necessarily ko,*  
*It ain't necessarily ko,*  
The ones he thought viable  
Were far too often liable  
To die, without even a ko.

He liked the onadare joseki,  
At the end there is always ko aji,  
But it only caused him trouble,  
Because that ko is double!  
It ain't necessarily ko.  
*It ain't necessarily ko.*  
*It ain't necessarily ko,*  
But it only caused him trouble,  
Because that ko is double!  
It ain't necessarily ko.

He thought the J group was life or ko,  
Because it enclosed five or so,  
But a hane and a placement  
Would cause that group's debasement,  
It ain't necessarily ko.  
*It ain't necessarily ko.*  
*It ain't necessarily ko,*  
But a hane and a placement  
Would cause that group's debasement,  
It ain't necessarily ko.

He often made the carpenter's square,  
"There's always two eyes or ko there."  
But depending on the hane,  
And even more the dame,  
It ain't necessarily ko.  
*It ain't necessarily ko.*  
*It ain't necessarily ko,*  
But depending on the hane,  
And even more the dame,  
It ain't necessarily ko.

He liked to invade underneath,  
And live, by the skin of his teeth,  
But what's the use in living,  
If that wall that you're giving  
Makes three score and ten points or so?  
*It ain't necessarily ko,*  
*It ain't necessarily ko,*  
But what's the use in living,  
If that wall that you're giving  
Makes three score and ten points or so?

He once reached the large L position,  
For all his long life his ambition,  
But it never reached completion  
For the saddest of all reasons,  
He died, and it's a thousand year ko!  
*It ain't necessarily ko,*  
*It ain't necessarily ko,*  
But it never reached completion  
For the saddest of all reasons,  
He died, and it's a thousand year ko!