

The Return of Sherlock Holmes Adventure XXIX – The Adventure of the Norwood Builder

McFarlane's situation was dire
Until Holmes fixed it all with a fire.
Revenge for the past
Had burgeoned at last.
It seemed the old man was a liar.

Sandy Kozinn



Jonas Oldacre did hide away,
So Holmes gathered a big stack of hay,
He put match to the pyre,
The police shouted "Fire",

And the old man was flushed out that day.

Bill Dorn

The story begins with a pile of ashes

And to Baker Street a shaken suspect dashes

To arrest McFarlane Lestrade soon came

But Holmes by then suspected a frame

And a false wall revealed secret stashes

Karen Olson

Oldacre wants McFarlane to pay
For love lost from a previous day
A blood thumbprint is fake
False room adds double-take
Holmes forces his hand with burning hay

Steve Mason