

Those Were the Days

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All: Once upon a time there was a tavern
Where we used to raise a glass or two
Remember how we laughed away the hours
And dreamed of all the great things we would do...

Chorus: **Those were the days, my friend, we thought they'd never end**
We'd sing and dance forever and a day
We'd live the life we choose, we'd fight and never lose
For we were young and sure to have our way!
La-la...etc
Those were the days, oh yes, those were the days.

All: Then the busy years went rushing by us
We lost our starry notions on the way
If by chance I'd see you in the tavern
We'd smile at one another and we'd say...

Chorus:

All: Just tonight I stood before the tavern
Nothing seemed the way it used to be
In the glass I saw a strange reflection
Was that lonely person really me?

Chorus:

All: Through the door there came familiar laughter
I saw your face and heard you call my name
Oh, my friends, we're older but no wiser
For in our hearts, our dreams are still the same...

Chorus:

Chorus: **<repeat a cappella with clapping>**
<end like this>
Those were the days — <hold>
Those were the days — <hold>
<slow>Those were the days — — Oh yes, those — were — the — days!