

Those were the days

(Gene Raskin)

d a E E⁷ a

1) Once upon a time there was a tavern,
A⁷ d
where we used to raise a glass or two.

a
Remember how we laughed away the hours,
B⁷ E
and dreamed of all the great things we would do.

E⁷ a d
R. Those were the days my friend, we thought they'd never end,
G G⁷ C
we'd sing and dance forever and a day.

d a
We'd live the life we choose, we'd fight and never lose,
E E⁷ a
for we were young and sure to have our way.

E⁷ a d
R* La la la la la la, la la la la la la,
G G⁷ C
la la la la, la la la la la la,
d a
la la la la la la, la la la la la la.

E E⁷ a
Those were the days, oh yes, those were the days.

2) Then the busy years went rushing by us,
A⁷ d
we lost our starry notions on the way.

a
If by chance I'd see you in the tavern,
B⁷ E
we'd smile at one another and we'd say:

3) Just tonight I stood before the tavern,
A⁷ d
nothing seemed the way it used to be.

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In the glass I saw a strange reflection.
B⁷ E
Was that lonely fellow really me?

4) Through the door there came familiar laughter,
A⁷ d
I saw your face and heard you call my name.

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Oh, my friend, we're older but no wiser,
B⁷ E
for in our hearts the dreams are still the same.