

Those Were The Days

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Raskin put new English lyrics to the Russian romance song "Dorogoi dlinnoyu" ("Дорогой длинною", literally "By the long road"), which was composed by Boris Fomin (1900–1948). The original Russian lyrics were by the poet Konstantin Podrevsky.

1. Once up - on a time there was a tav - ern
 2. Then the bu - sy years went rushi - ing by us. We
 3. Just to - night I stood be - fore the tav - ern,
 4. Through teh doór there came fa - mil - iar laiugh-ter. I

where we used to raise a glass or two Re - mem - ber how we laughed a - way the
 lost our star - ry no - tions on the way. If by chance I'd see you in the
 noth - ing seemed the way it used to be. In the glass I saw a strange re -
 saw your face and heard you call my name. Oh, my friends we're old - Oer but no

hours _____ and dreamed of all the great things we would do. Those were the
 tav - ern, _____ we'd smile at one an - oth - er and we'd say:
 flec - tion. _____ Was that laone - ly fel - low real - ly me?
 wis - er, _____ for in our hearts the dreams are still the same.

days my feiwend, _____ we'd thought they'd nev - er end. _____ We'd sing and dance for ev - er and a day.

We'd live the life we choose, _____ we'd fight and nev - er lose _____ for we were young an sure _____ to have our way.

La la la la la la, _____ la la la la la la, _____ Those were the days, Oh yes those were the days.