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 dream of all the great things we would do

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-la-la-la
La-la-la-la-la
Those were the days, oh yes, those were the days

And 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

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La-la-la-la-la La-la-la-la-la La-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

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 fellow really me?

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

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