

Those Were The Days My Friend

Key of Am

Original Russian song Fomin and Podrevsky.

English version Gene Raskin 1960's (as recorded by Mary Hopkins 1968)

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Am/ Am/
Once upon a time there was a tavern
A7/ Dm/
Where we used to raise a glass or two
Dm/ Am/
Re-member how we laughed away the hours
B7/ E7/
And think of all the great things we would do

CHORUS:

Am Dm
Those were the days my friend, we thought they'd never end
G G7 C C
We'd sing and dance, for-ever and a day
Dm Am
We'd live the life we'd choose, we'd fight and never lose
Am E7 Am
For we were young, and sure to have our way
Am A7 Dm
Di di di di, di-di, di di-di di, di-di
E7 Am/
Di di di di, di di-di di-di di

Am/ Am/
Then the busy years went rushing by us
A7/ Dm/
We lost our starry notions on the way
Dm/ Am/
If by chance I'd see you in the tavern
B7/ E7/
We'd smile at one another and we'd say

CHORUS:

Am Dm
Those were the days my friend, we thought they'd never end
G G7 C C
We'd sing and dance, for-ever and a day
Dm Am
We'd live the life we'd choose, we'd fight and never lose
Am E7 Am
Those were the days, oh yes, those were the days

Am A7 Dm
Di di di di, di-di, di di-di di, di-di
E7 Am/
Di di di di, di di-di di-di di

Am/ Am/
Just tonight I stood before the tavern
A7/ Dm/
Nothing seemed the way it used to be
Dm/ Am/
In the glass I saw a strange re-flection
B7/ E7/
Was that lonely person really me?

CHORUS:

Am Dm
Those were the days my friend, we thought they'd never end
G G7 C C
We'd sing and dance, for-ever and a day
Dm Am
We'd live the life we'd choose, we'd fight and never lose
Am E7 Am Am
Those were the days, oh yes, those were the days

Am Dm
La da da da, da da, la da da da, da-da
G G7 C C
La da da da, la da da da da da
Dm Am
La da da da, da-da, la da da da, da-da
Am E7/ Am/
La da da da, la da da da da da