

# Those were the days (Refrain)

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Gene Raskin: Melodie nach einer alten russischen Romanze

Soprano  
Alt

Tenor  
Bass

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Those were the days, my friend, we thought they'd ne - ber end,  
— we'd sing and dance for - e - ver and a day;  
we'd live the life, we choose, we'd fight and ne - ver lose,  
— for we were young and sure to have our way.

Once upon a time there was a tavern, where we used do raise a glass or two.

Remember how we laughed away the hours, and dreamed of all the great things we would do? Refr.: Those were the days ..

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: Those were the days ...

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 (woman) really me? Those were the days ...

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

O, my friend, we're older but not wiser, for in our hearts the dreams are still the same. Those were the days ...