

Those Were the Days (1968)

Am - Dm -E7 -Am

Am

1. Once upon a time there was a tavern,

A A7 Dm

where we used to raise a glass or two.

Dm Am

Remember how we laughed away the hours,

B E7

think of all the great things we would do.

Am

Dm

Those were the days, my friend, we thought they`d never end,

G G7 C

we`d sing and dance forever and a day,

Dm Am

we`d live the life we`d choose, we`d fight and never lose,

E7 Am

for we were young and sure to have your ways.

+ Am - Dm -E7 -Am (dai dai dai)

Am

2. Then the busy years went rushing by us,

A A7 Dm

we lost our starry notions on the way.

Dm Am

If by chance I`d see you in the tavern,

B E7

we`d smile at one another and we`d say.

Am

Dm

Those were the days, my friend, we thought they`d never end,

G G7 C

we`d sing and dance forever and a day,

Dm Am

we`d live the life we`d choose, we`d fight and never lose,

E7 Am

those were the days, oh yes, those were the days.

+ Am - Dm -E7 -Am (dai dai dai)

Am
 3. Just tonight I stood before the tavern,
 A A7 Dm
 nothing seemed the way it used to be,
 Dm Am
 In the glass I saw a strange reflection,
 B E7
 was that lonely woman really me ?

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

+ instrumental = CHORUS (dai dai dai)

+ Am - F-Am - F

(orig. moves up half a note to capo 3rd here) + Am

Am
 4. Through the door there came familiar laughter,
 A A7 Dm
 I saw your face and heard you call my name.
 Dm Am
 Oh, my friend, we`re older but no wiser,
 B E7
 for in our hearts the dreams are still the same.

+ CHORUS

+ instrumental = CHORUS (dai dai dai) + C-D-Dm -A