# Those Were The Days – Gene Raskin, Mary Hopkin (1968)

**Intro :**  Am  /  Dm  /  E7  /  Am  /   (2 bars of each)

**Am**               /                 /            /    **A7**                    /               **Dm**  /
Once upon a time, there was a tavern,          where we used to raise a glass or two

**Dm**                    /                         **Am** /  **B7**             /                          **E7**
Remember how we laughed away the hours,  think of all the great things we would do

{pause+slow start}      **Am**          /                              **Dm**        /    **Chorus**
Those ... were ...  the ... days, my friend,  we thought they'd ne - ver end
                **G**        **G7**        **C**      /            **Dm**        /
We'd sing and dance forever and a day.      We'd live the life we'd choose
                **Am**        /             **E7**          /            **Am**
We'd fight and ne - ver lose  For we were young and sure to have our way
**Am**             /            /              **Dm**            /
 -    La-la-la laaa,  la laa,    La-la-la laaa, la la
                **E7**          /                            **Am**       /         /      {pause}
Those were the days, oh yes, those were the days

**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**         {pause}
We'd smile at one another and we'd say

**Chorus**

**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 reflection
**B7**             /             **E7**            {pause}
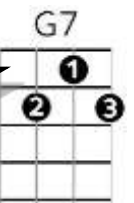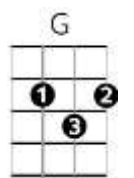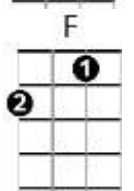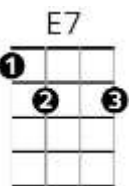Was that lonely person really me?

**Chorus**

**Am**                          /             /                 /
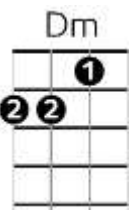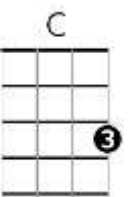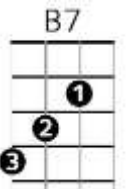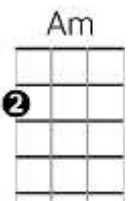Through the door, there came familiar laughter
  **A7**              /                    **Dm**             /
I saw your face and heard you call my name
**Dm**             /             **Am**              /
Oh, my friend, we're older but no wiser
      **B7**                  /                      **E7**         {pause}
For in our hearts, the dreams are still the same

**Chorus**

{pause}    **Am**     /       **Dm**    /        **G**        **G7**       **C**       /
 -    La la la laa,  la la,  la la la laa la la.  La la la laaa, la la la la la laaa
               **Dm**    /       **Am**    /       **E7**    /       **Am**    /
La la la laa la la, la la la laa la la, la la la laa, la la la la la laaaa

**x 2**

{slowing down}   **E7**         /                         **Am**        /        **Dm**    /        **Am**
Those were the days, oh yes, those were the days ... la lala lala laaa, la lala lala laaaaa