

THOSE WERE THE DAYS (GENE RASKIN, 1968) *

Am

Once upon a time there was a tavern

Am

Dm

Where we used to raise a glass or two

Dm

Am

Remember how we laughed away the hours

E

And dreamed of all the great things we would do

Chorus:

E

Am

Dm

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

G

C

We'd sing and dance forever and a day

Dm

Am

We'd live the life we choose; We'd fight and never lose

E

Am

For we were young and sure to have our way.

Am

Dm

La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la

E

Am

Those were the days, oh yes 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

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 woman really me

Through the door there came familiar laughter

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

***Recorded by Mary Hopkin**