

Those Were The Days. Gene Raskin/ The Limelighters 1962

[Am]Once upon a time there was a [Am7]tavern
[A7]Where we used to raise a glass or [Dm]two
[Dm]Remember how we laughed away the [Am]hours
[B7]Think of all the great things we would [E7]do

*Those were the [Am]days my friend we thought they'd [Dm]never end
We'd sing and [G]dance for [G7]ever and a [C]day
We'd live the [Dm]life we choose
We'd fight and [Am]never lose
For we were [E7]young and sure to have our [Am]way
Lie lie lie [Am]lie la lie [Am]lie lie lie [Dm]lie la lie
Lie la la [E7]lie....lie lie lie la la [Amlie*

[Am]Then the busy years went rushing [Am7]by us
We [A7]lost our starry notions on the [Dm]way
[Dm]If by chance I'd see you in the [Am]tavern
We'd [B7]smile at one another and we'd [E7]say

Chorus 1

[Am]Just tonight I stood before the [Am7]tavern
[A7]Nothing seemed the way it used to [Dm]be
[Dm]In the glass I saw a strange re[Am]flection
[B7]Was that lonely stranger really [E7]me

*Those were the [Am]days my friend we thought they'd [Dm]never end
We'd sing and [G]dance for [G7]ever and a [C]day
We'd live the [Dm]life we choose
We'd fight and [Am]never lose
For we were [E7]young and sure to have our [Am]way
Lie lie lie [Am]lie la lie [Am]lie lie lie [Dm]lie la lie
Lie la la [E7]lie....lie lie lie la la [Amlie
Lie lie lie [Am]lie la lie lie lie lie [Dm]lie la lie
Lie la la [E7]lie....lie lie lie la la [Amlie*

[Am]Thought the door there came familiar [Am7]laughter
I [A7]saw your face and heard you call my [Dm]name
[Dm]Oh my friend we're older but no [Am]wiser
For [B7]in our hearts the dreams are still the [E7]same

Chorus 2