Those Were the Days (Key of G no key change)
(Dorogo dlinnoyu (Russian “By the Long Road”))
by Boris Fomin (~1925), English lyrics by Gene Raskin

Intro:

Em | Em7 | E7 | Am | B7 | F#7 | D | D7 | G

Once up-on a time, there was a tavern—— where we used to raise a glass or two——

| Am | Em

Re-remember how we laughed a-way the hours—— and think of all the great things we would do——

Chorus:

Those were the days, my friend, we thought they’d never end
We’d sing and dance—— for-ever 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——


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 a-nother and we’d say——

Chorus:

Those were the days, my friend, we thought they’d never end
We’d sing and dance—— for-ever and a day——
We’d live the life we choose, we’d fight and ne-ver lose
Those were the days—— oh yes those were the days


to play Mary Hopkin’s version, capo up 2 frets
Em . . . | Em7 . . | E7 . . . . . . | Am . . |
Just to-night I stood before the tavern—— Nothing seemed the way it used to be——
Am . . . | Em . . . | F#7 . . . . . | B7\ ---- tacit---- | Am . . |
In the glass, I saw a strange reflection—— Was that lonely person really me——?

Chorus: Those were the days, my friend, we thought they’d never end
We’d sing and dance forever and a day——
Am . . . . | Em . . . |
We’d live the life we choose, we’d fight and never lose
B7 . . . . | Em . . . |
Those were the days—— oh yes those were the days——

Am\ ---- tacit---- | Em\ ---- tacit---- | E7\ \ ---- tacit---- | Am . . |
Through the door, there came familiar laughter—— I saw your face and heard you call my name——
Am\ ---- tacit---- | Em\ ---- tacit---- | F#7\ ---- tacit---- | B7\ ---- tacit---- |
Oh, my friend, we’re older but no wiser—— for in our hearts the dreams are still the same——

Chorus: Those were the days, my friend, we thought they’d never end
We’d sing and dance forever and a day——
Am . . . . | Em . . . |
We’d live the life we choose, we’d fight and never lose
B7 . . . . | Em . . . |
Those were the days—— oh yes those were the days——

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