THOSE WERE THE DAYS

ENGLISH WORDS BY GENE RASKIN BASED ON RUSSIAN POET, KONSTANTIN PODEREVSKIIY; RUSSIAN MELODY BY BORIS FOMIN

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STARTING NOTE: A

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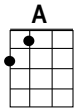

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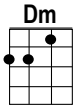

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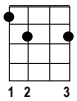

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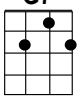

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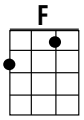

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TACET: NO UKE

INTRO: AM//// ////

AM//// //// A//// DM////
VERSE 1: ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A TAVERN, WHERE WE USED TO RAISE A GLASS OR TWO. RE-
DM//// AM////
MEMBER HOW WE'D LAUGH AWAY THE HOURS, AND
DM//// E7 / *TACET*
DREAM OF ALL THE GREAT THINGS WE WOULD DO. THOSE WERE THE

AM// A// DM////
CHORUS 1: DAYS MY FRIENDS. WE THOUGHT THEY'D NEVER END. WE'D SING AND
G7//// C//// DM////
DANCE FOREVER AND A DAY. WE'D LIVE THE LIFE WE CHOOSE. WE'D FIGHT AND
AM//// E7//// AM / / / /
NEVER LOSE FOR WE WERE YOUNG AND SURE TO HAVE OUR WAY. LA-LA-LA
AM// A// DM//// G7//// C / / / /
LA LA LA, LA-LA-LA, LA LA LA, LA-LA-LA LA, LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA. LA-LA-LA
DM//// AM//// E7//// AM////
LA LA LA, LA-LA-LA, LA LA LA, THOSE WERE THE DAYS OH YES THOSE WERE THE DAYS.

AM//// //// A//// DM////
VERSE 2: THEN THE BUSY YEARS WENT RUSHING BY US. WE LOST OUR STARRY NOTIONS ON THE WAY.
DM//// AM////
IF BY CHANCE I'D SEE YOU IN THE TAVERN, WE'D
DM//// E7 / *TACET*
SMILE AT ONE ANOTHER AND WE'D SAY. THOSE WERE THE

REPEAT CHORUS

AM//// ////
VERSE 3: THROUGH THE DOOR THERE CAME FAMILIAR LAUGHTER. I
A//// DM////
SAW YOUR FACE AND HEARD YOU CALL MY NAME.
DM//// AM////
OH MY FRIENDS WE'RE OLDER AND NO WISER, BUT
DM//// E7 / *TACET*
IN OUR HEARTS THE DREAMS ARE STILL THE SAME. THOSE WERE THE

AM// A// DM////
CHORUS & END: DAYS MY FRIENDS. WE THOUGHT THEY'D NEVER END. WE'D SING AND
G7//// C//// DM////
DANCE FOREVER AND A DAY. WE'D LIVE THE LIFE WE CHOOSE. WE'D FIGHT AND
AM//// E7//// AM / / / /
NEVER LOSE FOR WE WERE YOUNG AND SURE TO HAVE OUR WAY. LA-LA-LA
AM// A// DM//// G7//// C / / / /
LA LA LA, LA-LA-LA, LA LA LA, LA-LA-LA LA, LA-LA-LA-LA-LA-LA. LA-LA-LA
DM//// AM//// E7 *TREMOLO* **AM / / F/ / A** *TREMOLO*
LA LA LA, LA-LA-LA, LA LA LA, THOSE WERE THE DAYS, OH YES THOSE WERE THE DAYS._____

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