

Once upon a time, there was a tavern *Once there was... or A long time ago...(Beginning of a fairy tale)*
 Where we used to raise a glass or two
 Remember how we laughed away the hours,
 Think of all the great things we would do

Those were the days, my friend
 We thought they'd never end
 We'd sing and dance forever and a day
 We'd live the life we'd choose
 We'd fight and never lose
 For we were young and sure to have our way



Just tonight, I stood before the tavern
 Nothing seemed the way it used to be
 In the glass, I saw a strange reflection *mysterious*
 Was that lonely woman really me?

Those were the days, my friend
 We thought they'd never end
 We'd sing and dance forever and a day
 We'd live the life we'd choose
 We'd fight and never lose
 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 *dreams*
 If, by chance, I'd see you in the tavern,
 We'd smile at one another and we'd say

Those were the days, my friend
 We thought they'd never end
 We'd sing and dance forever and a day
 We'd live the life we'd choose
 We'd fight and never lose
 Those were the days, oh yes, those were the days



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

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 We thought they'd never end
 We'd sing and dance forever and a day
 We'd live the life we'd choose
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<i>It's like this TODAY:</i>	<i>Those were the days SOME YEARS AGO:</i>
I don't drink beer.	<i>I used to drink beer.</i>
I don't meet her in the tavern.	
We don't sing and dance all night long.	
She isn't a happy woman.	
He don't smile at her.	
She doesn't stand in front of the tavern.	
I never call her name.	

Put into the plural:

- I thought you'd never forget me. – *We thought you'd never forget us.*
- I thought I wouldn't see her again.
- She thought she'd remember his name.
- You thought you'd fight and never lose.
- I thought that day would never end.
- He thought of the great thing he'd do.