

Those Were the Days

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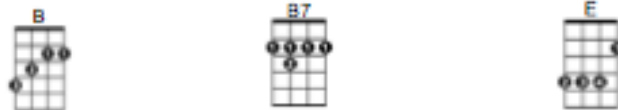
Once upon a time there was a tavern,



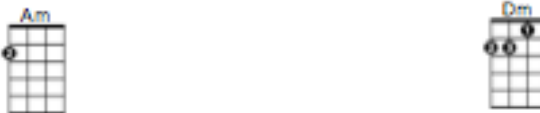
where we used to raise a glass or two.



Remember how we laughed away the hours,

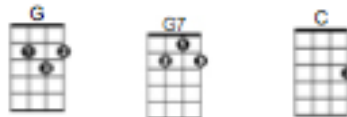


and dreamed of all the great things we would do.



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 never lose,



For we were young, and sure to have our way.

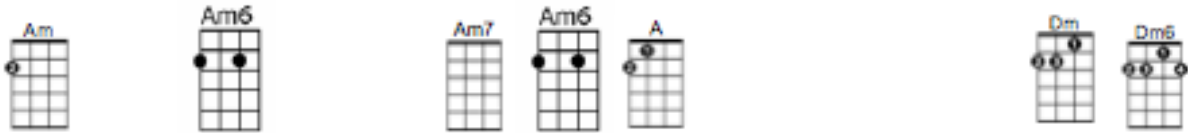


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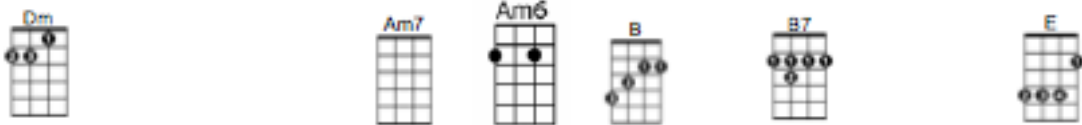


Those were the days, oh yes those were the days.

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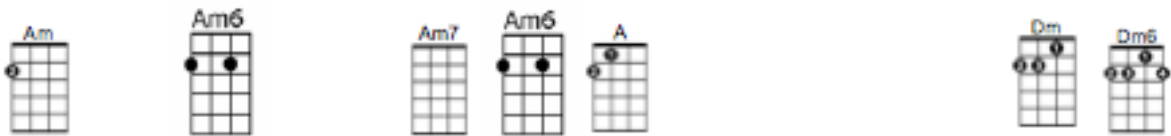


Then the busy years went rushing by us.; we lost our starry notions on the way.

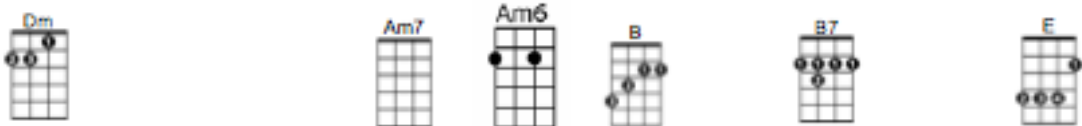


If by chance I'd see you in the tavern, we'd smile at one another, and we'd say:

CHORUS

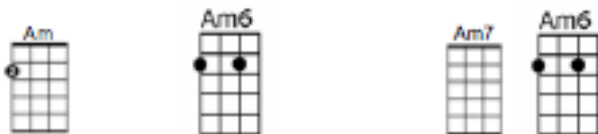


Just tonight I stood before the tavern; nothing seemed the way it used to be.

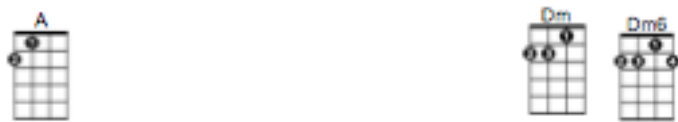


In the glass I saw a strange reflection . . . was that lonely person really me?

CHORUS



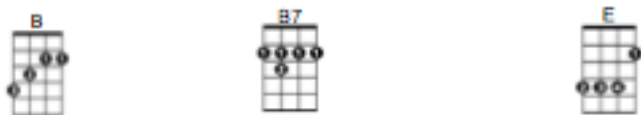
Through the door there came familiar laughter.



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.

CHORUS