

Long Ago Long Ago - song lyrics

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LONG AGO! LONG AGO!

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'Twas long, long years ago, and we were children then,
At noon we strayed beneath the shade of the old chestnut glen;
Or wander'd hand in hand beside the purling brook.
Whose murmuring stream the sunshine's gleam chased thro' many a nook;
Ah, those were happy years, unfrught with cares or fears,
Long ago, long ago, ah, those were happy, happy years long ago.

'Twas long, long years ago, when we were girl and boy.
He, strong and bold, his love tale told to me, a maiden coy;
He made me promise then to be his sweetheart true,
I promised, yes, as you may guess, alas, 'tis nothing new;
An, and so sped on the years, he left me drown'd in tears,
Long ago, long ago, he left me drown'd in tears long ago.

'Twas long, long years ago, but I can never forget
That sad farewell, whose mournful spell clings to mem'ry yet;
And (instant to the last my heart will still remain,
Tho' he whose vow is broken now may never return again;
Ah, each passing day endears those happy, happy years, long ago, long ago,
Those happy, happy years, long ago.