Once upon a time, there was a tavern *Es war einmal...*
Where we used to raise a glass or two *heben*
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 *wie es früher war*
In the glass, I saw a strange reflection *fremdartig*
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 *Träumereien*
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

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
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Translate and use: ...used to... (er pflegte zu..., damals taten wir immer..., früher machte ich gewöhnlich...)

Damals trank ich jeweils Bier. *I used to drink beer.* ....

Früher sah ich dich jeweils in der Taverne. ....

Es ist nicht so, wie es früher war. ....

Damals sangen und tanzten wir jeweils. ....

Früher lachte er sie an. ....

Damals stand er immer vor der Taverne. ....

Damals war sie keine einsame Frau. ....

Translate and use: 'd (nach einem Pronomen) oder would (nach einem Nomen):

Ich dachte, du würdest mich nie vergessen. *I thought you'd never forget me.* ....

Wir dachten, wir würden uns nicht mehr treffen. ....

Ich dachte, ich würde dich sehen. ....

Er dachte, mein Freund würde es tun. ....

Wir dachten, wir würden kämpfen. ....

Wir dachten nicht, dass wir verlieren würden. ....

Ich dachte du würdest dich an meinen Namen erinnern. ....

Wir dachten, jene Tage würden nie enden. ....