

# Golden Days

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The musical score consists of three staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The top staff is for the soprano voice, the middle staff for the piano accompaniment, and the bottom staff for the bassoon or cello. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by a melodic line starting at measure 4. The piano accompaniment features chords and bass notes. The bassoon part provides harmonic support with sustained notes. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the vocal line.

*Andante*

*f cresc.*      *ff dim.*

Once in the days of golden wea - ther,

Days that were al - ways fair;      Love was the world we

walked to - ge - ther, \_ Oh! what a love was there.

Fresh as a flower when rains are fall - ing, Pure as a child that

*dim.* *p* *cresc.*  
prays, Once in the days be - yond re - call - ing, Once in the gold - en  
*colla voce.* *p* *cresc.*

*f largamente*  
days, Once in the days beyond re - call - ing,  
*ff*

Once in the gold - en days.

*colla voce.*

Ah! but the days brought chan - ges af - ter,

*p*

Clouds in the hap - py skies, Care on the lips that

curled with laugh - ter, Tears in the ra - diant eyes;

rall.

Part - ed a-sun - der, worn with griev - ing, Wea - ri - ly each one

*dim.*      *p*

prays, Ah! for the days be - yond re - triev - ing, Ah! for the gold - en

*colla voce.*      *p*

*cresc.*

*cresc.*

*f largamente*

days, Ah! for the days beyond re - triev - ing,

*ff*

Ah! for the gold - en days.

*colla voce.*

*f*