

There Was a Time

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Andantino con espressione

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melody in 6/8 time, starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The left hand plays a bass line with quarter notes G2, F2, E2, and D2, followed by quarter notes C3, B2, A2, and G2. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat).

5 A^b

The vocal line begins with a whole rest for the first three measures, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The key signature has three flats.

There was a time, there
There was a time, there
But once a-gain, oh!

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The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line as the introduction. The right hand plays a melody with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, followed by a half note G4. The key signature has three flats.

10 B^bm/D^b E^b7 A^b A^b

The vocal line continues with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The key signature has three flats.

was a time, When I was young and free, — And ev - 'ry day the
was a time, That told us we must part, — And then the once loved
once a-gain, Those joy - ous days ap - pear. — A - gain the bells sound

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The piano accompaniment continues with the same bass line. The right hand plays a melody with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, and C5, followed by a half note G4. The key signature has three flats.

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14 B^b7/F E^b7 A^b

vil - lage chime Brought mu - sic sweet to me._____ The
 vil - lage chime, Fell sad - ly on my heart._____ I
 o'er___ the plain, And good old friends are near._____ A -

17 E^b7 E^b7/G A^b D^b E^b7 A^b E^b

mem - 'ry of___ some old - en song, Some scene or flow'r or tree,___ Still
 bade fare-well to the old grey tower And on the vil - lage green___ No
 gain I hear___ the mer - ry song, Be - neath the old oak tree,___ And

21 A^b B^b7/F E^b7 A^b

brings to mind the mer - ry throng That sport-ed there with me._____ Still
 more at eve - ning's peace - ful hour, My mer - ry friends were seen._____ No
 see a - round the hap - py throng That sport-ed there with me._____ And

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25 A^b B^b7 E^b7 A^b

brings to mind the mer - ry throng, that sport - ed there with me.____
more at eve - ning's peace - ful hour, My mer - ry friends were seen.____
see. a - round the hap - py throng That sport - ed there with me.____

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