

There Was a Time

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Andantino con espressione

The first system of the musical score is in 6/8 time and B-flat major. It features a treble and bass staff for piano accompaniment and a single staff for the vocal line. The piano part begins with a half-note chord in the right hand and a half-note chord in the left hand, followed by a series of eighth-note patterns. The vocal line starts with a half-note rest, followed by a half-note chord, and then a series of eighth-note patterns. An asterisk (*) is placed above the vocal line in the third measure, indicating a specific note.

*This is an A natural in the original, but that sounds wrong.

The second system of the musical score continues the piano and vocal parts. It includes a box with the text "A A^b" above the vocal line. The piano part continues with eighth-note patterns in both hands. The vocal line includes the lyrics: "There was a time, there / There was a time, there / But once a-gain, oh!". The system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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

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

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 -

B

E♭7 E♭7/G A♭ D♭ E♭7 A♭ E♭

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

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A♭ B♭7/F E♭7 A♭

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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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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D

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