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LONG, LONG AGO!

A Ballad

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New York Firth & Hall, 1 Franklin Square.

Tell me the tales that to me were so dear, Long long ago,

long long ago: Sing me the songs I de---light---ed to hear,

with feeling:

dolce:
Now you are come my grief is remove'd,
Let me believe that you love as you lov'd,
Let me forget that so long you have rov'd,
Long long ago, long long ago.

Do you remember the path where we met,
Long long ago, long long ago.

Ah yes you told me you ne'er would forget,
Long long ago, long long ago.

Then to all others my smile you prefer'd,
Long long ago, long long ago.

Love when you spoke gave a charm to each word,
Long long ago, long long ago.

Still my heart treasures the praises I heard,
Long long ago, long long ago.

Though by your kindness my fond hopes were rais'd,
Long long ago, long long ago.

You by more eloquent lips have been rais'd,
Long long ago, long long ago.

But by long absence your truth has been tried,
Long long ago, long long ago.

Still to your accents I listen with pride,
Blest as I was when I sat by your side,
Long long ago, long long ago.