Glory days won our praise but, alas, was but a phase that gave way to nights that would change us forever. Changes that had come and gone didn't kill us or make us strong right or wrong they made us long for glory days.

**REFRAIN:** Glory days, were they just a fool's phase?

And the nights, oh, the nights of dreams come true.

Out of all the treasures memory's maintained \*

- rose-colored and stained -

most of all, I remember, mostly you.

 Glory days, youthful craze, flags of boldness that we'd raise, the weak and timid left behind with scraps and rind.
Those too bold, grew too old some well-long before their time past their prime, before the best of glory days.

## [REPEAT REFRAIN]

 Glory days, through the haze looking back with jaded faze of perception-by-deception of all we'd won and lost.
In the sun, in the rain days and years that form the train on the track of "no-going-back" to glory days.

## [INSTRUMENTAL]

**EPILOG:** Glory days, of wild ways, †

everything gone — nothing stays Glory days, the trail they blazed

to where we are . . .

in glory days.

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<sup>\*</sup> Alternate "jewels" with "treasures"

<sup>†</sup> First four epilog lines half-spoken, half-sung; and last line, pure-spoken. All of epilog: Ritardando, more than moderate