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- Back in the days of Ashbury & Haight
 What were we seeking, while battling 'gainst fate?
 More vital the question, did we ever find
 what we struggled for, from hearts too youthfully blind?
- 2. Back in the days of Ashbury & Haight We ran ahead stumbling, youth can never wait. Each second eternity that might slip away if we'd not plucked the forbidden fruit of each day . . . Forbidden, yet hidden, from us, it's chief prey!

REFRAIN: Flickers in the wind, blown across fields of time
By the breath of the moment, in eternity's prime.
Love labeled free, but unripe on the vine . . .
After forty more years, could we savor its wine ?
After forty years' passage, could the fire not decline ?

[INSTRUMENTAL]

- Back in the days of Asbury & Haight
 Each craving soul reaching one more empty plate.
 Longing to be filled longing not quelled
 by love spilled from hearts, that our vessels never held.
- 4. Back in the days of Asbury & Haight A puff-of-smoke-dream, in a lost mental state. Yet our hearts still long now, for what we sought then; the same passioned soul was our core way back when . . . Now ripe with experience to try it all again.

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After forty years' passage, might our fires intertwine?
. . . After forty years gone, could love bloom,
. . . . yours and mine?

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