- 1. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 years go by
 I don't really know why, I don't really know why
 7, 8, 9, 11 years go by
 I don't really know why, I don't really know why
 I still feel the same way I did when I was 17
 I still look over my shoulder waiting for the world to change
- R: But these are the good old days
 These are the good old days
 These are the good old days
 And I think I'd like to stay
 Oh, I'd like to stay
 Oh, I'd like to stay
- 2. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 years ago I didn't see a belly
 With a child on the inside
 6, 7, 8, 10 years ago if I only knew about the love
 I only knew about the fight
 I look back and I realize all those times I was lonely
 Praying for someday to hurry up and come and save me
- R: But these are the good old days
 These are the good old days
 These are the good old days
 And I wish that I could stay
 Oh, I wish that I could stay
 Oh, I wish I could stay
 I wish I could stay
- 3. And the moment you let go the faster the time goes The darker the night is the lighter the moon blooms These are the good old days These are the good old days
- 4. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 years from now I hope I'm still getting down
 Hope I'm still around
 But 6, 7, 8, 10 years ago I had a revelation
 All's well right now
 It's all good right now
 It's all good right now
 It's all good right now
- R: But these are the good old days
 These are the good old days
 These are the good old days
 And I wish that I could stay (3x)

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These are the good old days...