

## THE LONG AGO

TAKE me back to the days of the long ago,  
Through the rose light of youth again let me see;  
Remove all the cares that weary me so,  
For a day would I go untrammelled and free.

Bring back all my old sweet dreams to me,  
Beautiful day dreams I used to know;  
The little mirages of life to be,  
The wishful fancies of long ago.

Bring all the gladness and laughter to me,  
And let me forget the sorrow and tears;  
Pure joy would I have, unsullied and free,  
Unmarred by shadows, undimmed by fears.

Thus ofttimes I think, mid the burden and fret,  
Could I turn the years backward for one joyous  
day,  
And the ceaseless cares of the present forget,  
It would lighten my heart for the rest of the way.