Would I Were A Boy Again - song lyrics

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Oh! would I were a boy again,
When life seemed formed of sunny years.
And all the heart then knew of pain
Was wept away in transient tears;
When ev'ry tale hope whispered then,
My fancy deemed was only truth-
Oh! would that I could know again
The happy visions of my youth.

Chorus.
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And all the heart then knew of pain
Was wept away in transient tears.

'Tis vain to mourn that years have flown,
How false these fairy visions were,
Or murmur that mine eyes have known
The burden of a fleeting tear;
But still the heart will fondly cling
To hopes no longer prized as truth,
And mem'ry will delight to bring
The happy visions of my youth.-Chorus.