Long Ago - song lyrics

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LONG AGO.
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I received a most superior education,
In the days of long ago,
And they said I was a credit to my nation,
In the days of long ago.
I owned a lovely mansion in a pretty little park,
And a thousand a year, or so;
By the fellows about town I was considered quite a spark.
But it's many, many years ago!

Refrain.
Long ago, long ago!
I wore a masher collar and could always spare a dollar,
Long ago, long ago! in the days of Auld Lang Syne!

You could always find an honest man at racing,
In the days of long ago;
And "pulling up" was voted quite debasing,
In the days of long ago.
But nowadays the way they ran is really sad to see,
That's the reason that I'm brought so low;
For I once could earn a living on the turf by honesty-
But it's many, many years ago.

Refrain.
Long ago, long ago!
I had a Sunday dinner and could always spot a winner,
Long ago, long ago! in the days of Auld Lang Syne!

I used to have some beauty in my features,
In the days of long ago;
And was pelted by the pretty little creatures,
In the days of long ago.
The postman every morning used to come around with a sack
Full of notes from little girls I'd know;
Yes, sweethearts to right, sweethearts to left, and sweethearts at my back!
But it's many, many years ago!

Refrain.
Long ago, long ago!
My feelings I can't smother, they would "kiss me for my mother,"
Long ago, long ago! in the days of Auld Lang Syne!

They would give me fifty pounds a week for singing,
In the days of long ago;
In every body's mouth my name was ringing, (
In the days of long ago.
Proprietors ran after me, and managers would cry,
If they could not have me at their "show,"
Sims Reeves was fit to shoot himself, with envy they did die,
But it's many, many years ago!

Refrain.
Long ago, long ago!
Enraptured folks would linger, I was such a splendid singer,
Long ago, long ago! in the days of Auld Lang Syne!