My Brother Jack - song lyrics

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"MY BROTHER JACK."
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Amid the wild prairies the mem'ries return,
Of days that can never come back;
The dear days of boyhood, when careless and gay,
Were I and my twin brother Jack.
Ah! what wondrous changes have happened since then,
Our old love to hatred gave place,
They charged me with crime that I knew Jack had done,
And drove me from home in disgrace.

Chorus.
But I think once again of the old days and all our griefs and joys;
Mem'ries come back of the time when Jack and I were only boys,
Long years, long years have passed away, but as they quickly fly,
Ob, how I yearn once more to return to the days gone by.

Dishonored, alone to the prairies I came,
A bid for good fortune to try;
My duty I've done and grim dangers I've faced,
And so the long years have gone by.
Yet oft in the silence of night, to my mind,
Come thoughts of the far-away time,
Of home And of parents, and Jack, for whose sake,
My name bears the stigma of crime!- Chorus.

One night to our camp came a poor dying wretch,
And there in the fire's ruddy glow,
I looked in his face and he started, it was
The Jack of the years long ago.
He crawled to my feet with his hands on his throat,
"For God's sake, forgive me! "he cried.
thought of the wrong-then I gave him my hand,
I "Thank Heaven!" he murmured, and died.