# Songs of the Days Gone By

Of all the days that's in the week I dearly love but one day, And that's the day that comes betwixt

A Saturday and Monday. -Henry Carey.

And then it went on about Sally in our alley, which meant the girl we The creek, and the creaking old mill, loved best, whether she lived in an alley, or down a farm lane, or over the hill, for it never was far to where she lived, although others might figure out that it was several miles.

While Mr. Carey wrote love songs, and the like, and some of them are still alive and singable, his greatest, and most enduring work was the national song of England, "God Save the King."

To write songs that live the author must hold the human interest key to the heart, for it is their human interest that perpetuates them. SWEET KITTY CLYDE

Maybe you never heard this once popular song, almost universally popular, as it had a big run in Europe. If not, ask your elders, even back to your grandparents, for it is no last spring's song.

Oh! who has not seen Kitty Clyde? She lives at the foot of the hill In a sly little nook, By the babbling brook,

That carries her father's old mill. Oh! who does not love Kitty Clyde? That sunny-eyed, rosy-cheeked lass, With a sweet dimpled chin,

That looks roguish as sin, With always a smile as you pass.

Chorus-Sweet Kitty, dear Kitty, My own sweet Kitty Clyde, In a sly little nook By the babbling brook,

Lives my own sweet Kitty Clyde. With a basket to put in her fish, Every morning with line and a hook,

This sweet little lass Through the tall, heavy grass, Steals along by the clear running brook.

She throws her line into the The words of love then spoken; stream. And trips along the brook side.

Oh! how I wish that I were a fish The cheerful heart's now broken." To be caught by sweet Kitty Clyde.

How I wish that I were a bee. I'd not gather honey from flowers; But would steal a sip From Kitty's sweet lip

And make my own hive in her bowers.

Or if I were some little bird I would not build nests in the air; But keep close by the side, of sweet Kitty Clyde

And sleep in her soft, silken hair. OLD FAVORITES

Away back yonder the people were as songful, and as soulful as they are now, if not more so. Then songs meant something besides jingle and ragtime. There were foolish songs, to be sure, but they were meant to be foolish.

Now and then you would hear a bit from some opera, and not badly rendered, as a song. One of the favorites was "The Gypsy's Warning" It is a love from "Il Trovatore." song, of a kind, and suggests a state of affairs most to be dreaded. It ran thus:

"Trust him not, oh, gentle lady, Though his voice be low and sweet; Heed not him who kneels before you, Gently pleading at thy feet. Now thy life is in its morning, Cloud not thus thy sunny lot; Listen to the gipsy's warning, Gentle lady, trust him not."

Of course it wasn't sung with grand opera effect, but it answered the purpose all right among the mu-

sically uncultured. The air was pleasing, and the words appealed to all interested in the very important has been misrepresented, maligned matter of love.

AND THERE WERE OTHERS "I have wandered today to the hill, Maggie,

To watch the scenes below-Maggie,

As we used to, long ago.

'But now we are aged and gray, Maggie,

The trials of life nearly done. Let us sing of the days that are gone, Maggie.

When you and I were young.

When it came to something serious well as sentimental, "Lorena" never failed to give satisfaction. You may have heard this yourself, for it is still on the list of good sentimental sou, s.

"The story of the past, Lorena, Alas! I care not to repeat. The hopes that could not last, Lor-

They lived but only lived to cheat. I would not cause e'en one regret To rankle in thy bosom now.

For 'if we try, we may forget' These words of thine, long years ago.

'It matters little now, Lorena, The past is in the eternal past. Our heads will soon lie low, Lorena, Life's tide is ebbing out so fast. There is a future, Oh, thank God! Of life this is so small a part,

Tis dust to dust, beneath the sod, But there, up there, 'tis heart to heart.

Among the prime favorites, and still in vogue, was Tom Moore's charming ballad:

'Oft in the stilly night, Ere slumber's chain has bound me, Fond memory brings the light

Of other days around me; The smiles, the tears, Of boyhood's years, The eyes that shone Now dimmed and gone,

YOU CAN'T FORGET

"Allow me to write the songs of a people and I care not who writes their philosophy," some one has said, and if you think of the influence of the songs of your mother, and those sung around the fireside when you were young, you may feel like agreeing with him as to the power of song. -Erasmus Wilson, from Pittsburg Gazette.

## WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN

(Nashville Tennessean)

When he "rst came into national prominence we saw him capture the nation with the power of his genius. We saw him sway the multitude with his words of wisdom, and amaze and terrorize the enemies of free institutions with the logic of his speech. We saw him rise from the disaster of defeat again and again, and each time he had the confidence of the people. We saw him as a twice defeated candidate for president on a foreign tour honored by the nations of the world. We saw this defeated man return to his native land, honored by all the civilized nations on the earth and greeted by his own people as no other private citizen has ever been greeted.

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What was once in scorn and contempt termed Bryanism is being written into the laws of the states, the constitutions and into the statutes of the nation.

Those who once derided this man for his fallacies are now singing his praises for his virtues. Those who once abused him for his iniquity are now lauding him for the sanity and strength of his convictions.

No wonder this man will remain in politics, for the crowning glory of his life will be when his creed of universal justice shall have been written deeply into the statutes of his country.

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"Why, it's—it's a frame-up, you "Yes, but what is a frame-up?"

"A-er-a piece of bunk, of course; can't you-

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