

Childhood memories are evoked in this setting of a poem written by my son, Michael, and adapted by John Jenney. Such nostalgic recollections are common to us all, I think, especially those of us who grew up in small towns. I chose a harmonic setting, which harkens back to the familiar songs of my own youth.

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# ONCE WHEN I WAS VERY YOUNG

for Mixed Voices, S.A.T.B., a cappella

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Slowly  
*mp*

Soprano  
Alto

Tenor  
Bass

Once when I was ver - y young, with a twin - kling in my eye, I

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looked at life with a cu - ri - ous view as the days rolled slow - ly by. I

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lis - tened with the ear of a child to the sounds of birds in flight. And

13  
shiv - ered 'neath my cov - ers when the dark snuffed out the light. But in the div.

17  
la - zy days of sum - mer when the day - light lin - gered on, We

21

played our game of hide-and-go-seek and day-dreamed on the lawn. The

25

sum-mer nights were spent with friends when we tried with all our might

29

fight a-way the webs of sleep, and wait for dawn's first light

*unis.*

These gold-en

33

*div.\**

Oo

days are long past now,— I've grown in-to a man, but the mem-o-ries of

37

Oo

I've giv-en

*div.*

child-hood, my child-hood, I still hold in my hand. I've giv-en

41

up the things of youth, like toys and dolls and

giv-en up my youth like toys,

up youth, like toys,

\*Divide voices to achieve desired balance.

44

*div.*

trains, and trad-ed them for oth-ers, (oth-ers) oth-ers, like work and aches and  
trains, oth-ers, oth-ers, oth-ers like work, aches,

trains, \_\_\_\_\_ oth-ers, oth-ers, like work, aches,

48

*div.*

pains, But in my mind I won-der if I could go back

52

*And re -*

still \_\_\_\_\_ live those days of mis-spen youth, (On) sum-mer's peace-ful

56

*mf*

hills, Oh, once when I was so ver-y young, with a twin-king in my eye, I

*mf*

61

looked at life with a cu-ri-ous view, - As the days rolled slow-ly by. \_\_\_\_\_  
by, rolled slow-ly \_\_\_\_\_ by.

by. \_\_\_\_\_

*rit.*

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