Well I remember when I was as children

The time the people used to treat the neighbor like a fellow man

And all their singin' and big prayer meetin's

When a man was proud to walk up and shake his neighbors hand

Oh you talk about the good times,
Talk about the good times
Oh if you ever needed help a friend was there
Some good neighbor
Help lift your burden
Mmm, and the simple joys of life a friend would share

Times are harder and the people are changin'
Now most folks couldn't tell you who their neighbors are
All their guns are loaded, the front doors are bolted
Ain't this ol' world takin' hate and fear just a little too far

Oh you talk about the good times,

Talk about the good times

I wish I could go back to the days I'm speakin of

When a friend would meet you

And a smile would greet you

What this ol' world needs now is a little old fashioned love

My granddaddy God rest his soul now
Well we had a big long talk together the day he died
Said son this world is full of hate and venom
An' I can't wait to leave this ol' place and rest on the other side

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I'm gonna see all the friends I knew in the good ol' days
We'll have a big hand shakin'
An' sit and talk together
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