I Cannot Sing the Old Songs

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Voice and Piano

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1. I cannot sing the old songs, I sung long years ago  
   For heart and voice would fail me, And foolish tears would flow;  
   For bygone hours come o'er my heart, with each familiar strain.

2. I cannot sing the old songs, Their charm is sad and deep;  
   Their melo-dies would awaken Old sorrows from their sleep;  
   And though all unforti-goten still, and sadly sweet they be, I cannot sing the old songs, They are too dear to set my spirit free,

3. I cannot sing the old songs, For visions come again, Of golden dreams de-
   part ed And years of weary pain;  
   Perhaps when earthly fetters shall have my voice may know the old songs, For all eternity.
gain, I cannot sing the old songs, Or dream those dreams again.
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ty, My voice may know the old songs, For all eternity.

I cannot sing the old songs, They are too dear to me.
My voice may know the old songs, For all eternity.

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