



Pause For Poetry:
Michael Hawkes /40

Description

Those Days of Yore

A poem by **Michael Hawkes**

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We may wish we wanted what we wanted long before,
In those uncertain days

When climatic change and perpetual foreign war
Were recklessly appraised.

When exotic things to eat were replete in every store,
Then cooked in foreign ways
Assuaged the latest craze.

When smoky fume filled skies we didn't yet abhor
Made for hazy busy days.

When spiteful pilots bombed every city that they saw
And set the world ablaze.

When the many gassed in trenches, contrary to all law
Left mankind in a daze.

When forests stood in splendour and across the open moor
Sheep could safely graze.

When man was chivalrous, as in the days of yore,
In sweet romantic ways.

When we wished upon a star and regarded ancient lore,



In those most halcyon of days.

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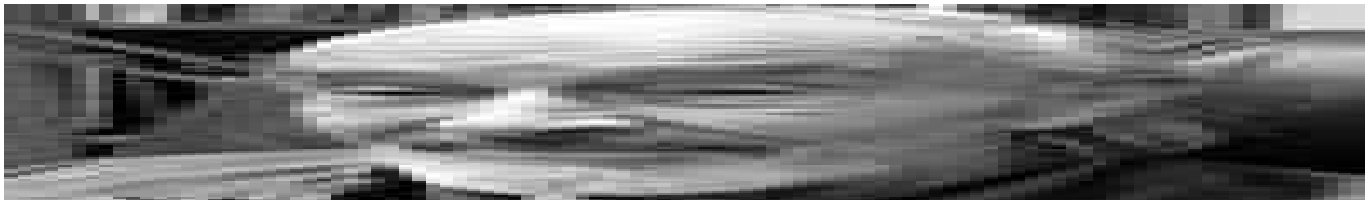
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