

LORENA 1857 fiancée ended their engagement

lyrics-Rev. Henry De Lafayette Webster of Zanesville, OH
music-Joseph Philbrick Webster *rec. John Hartford*

key of G
orig. E

Oh, the years creep slowly by, Lorena
The snow is on the ground again
The sun's low down the sky, Lorena
The frost gleams where the flow'rs have been

*But the heart beats on as warmly now
As when the summer days were nigh
Oh, the sun can never dip so low
A-down affection's cloudless sky*

A hundred months have passed, Lorena
Since last I held that hand in mine
And felt the pulse beat fast, Lorena
Though mine beat faster far than thine

*A hundred months, 'twas flowery May
When up the hilly slope we climbed
To watch the dying of the day
And hear the distant church bells chime*

We loved each other then, Lorena
Far more than we ever dared to tell
And what we might have been, Lorena
Had but our loving prospered well

*But then, 'tis past, the years are gone
I'll not call up their shadowy forms
I'll say to them, "Lost years, sleep on
Sleep on! nor heed life's pelting storms*

G G C C D D G G
G G C C D D G G

*Em Em B7 B7 B7 B7 Em D
G G C Am D D G G*

The story of that past, Lorena
Alas! I care not to repeat
The hopes that could not last, Lorena
They lived, but only lived to cheat

*I would not cause even one regret
To rankle in your bosom now
For if we try we may forget
Were words of thine long years ago*

Yes these were words of thine, Lorena
They burn within my memory yet
They touched some tender chords, Lorena
Which thrill and tremble with regret

*'Twas not thy woman's heart that spoke
Thy heart was always true to me
A duty, stern and pressing, broke
The tie which linked my soul with thee*

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*

555 5 6 5 3 2 1 6 7 7 7 2 1 3 21
555 5 6 5 3 2 1 6 55 5 56 5 6 71

5 56 6 6 6 17 67 33 677 2 66
555 5 6 5 3 2 1 365 556 5 6 7 1