

THEM DAYS & NOW

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Dean: In Them Days, when I woke up, we had to wash our hands in very cold water and when we needed to go to the bathroom, we had to go outside. Boy! Was it ever cold!

Billy: Today when I get up, I get up out of my nice warm bed, rush to the bathroom and wash my face and hands in nice warm water.

Phyllis: In Them Days, when I came down stairs I had to stoke the stove before I had my breakfast of hot porridge. Then I had to lug a big bucket of water, so that we could have something to drink with breakfast.

Karen: Today, when I come downstairs, my breakfast is ready. All my mother has to do is switch on the mocrrowave oven and my bacon and eggs are done in a snap.

Vincent: In Them Days, I had to walk over a mile to get to school. I even had to bring wood to school for the fire.

Neil: Today, when I go to school, I just watch out the window for the big yellow bus that picks me up and brings me to school.

Michelle: In Them Days, we went to school for three months. We learned reading, writing and arithmetic on our slates.

David: Today, we learn mathematics instead of arithmetic.

Van: In Them Days, I had to rush home right after school and do my chores like chop wood for the fire.

Dwayne: Today, after school, I can go outside and play with my friends.

Darren: In Them Days, we had to eat whatever my father caught when he went hunting. Sometimes fish and sometimes seal.

Lorie: Today, for supper we had meat, potatoes and fresh vegetables that my mom picked up at the supermarket.

Denise: In Them Days, we didn't even have much time for playing, and when we did, we told stories. Our parents helped us make our own homemade toys. We made our own fun, and that's the best kind.

David: Today after supper I just switch on the TV and watch my favourite programs.

Tina: In Them Days, when it got dark we had to light a candle to find our way to bed.

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Bonnie: Today, when I go to bed, I have to turn off my lamp
and cuddle in my nice warm bed.

SONG: Them Days, sir, things weren't easy
We worked so hard
Didn't have none of those fancy things, sir
We worked so hard.

These days, we got it easy
We got it made
Machines and contraptions
Do our hard work
We got it made.

(ALL, speaking in unison):

Them Days, These Days, now ---
Think of all the changes --- WOW!