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Laura, do you remember when you came to the normal school?

To teach 'em the golden rule?

You would take a ride on the trolley
To your class ev'ry norm—test your memory, oh,

Laura, do you recall when smoking just was an awful sin
And teachers demanded some discipline?

Laura, on the Hilltop in the good old days gone by
Do you remember?

You must remember,

You're not so much older than I.

Laura, do you remember when a short skirt was suicide?
And ankle vore meant to hide?
All the teachers chaperoned parties
With a critical eye—test your memory, oh,

Laura, do you recall when bobbing hair was a big disgrace,
A co-ed would hide when she rouged her face?

Laura, on the Hilltop in the good old days gone by
Do you remember?

You must remember,

You're not so much older than I.
Laura, do you remember when the faculty did a play?

Seems like it was yesterday.

Lehman was a college professor

At twelve hundred a year—test your memory, oh,

Laura, do you recall when Dr. Brown was your doting pa

And Mrs. Davis your scolding mama

Laura, on the Hilltop in the good old days gone by

Do you remember?

You must remember,

You’re not so much older than I.

Laura, do you remember when the war took the men away

The girls had to do the play?

The result was, "This is the Campus,"—

That was in forty-three—test your memory, oh,

Laura, do you recall the melodramas and "Double-door"

"Winterset," "Sherwood," and others galore

Laura, on the Hilltop in the good old days gone by

Do you remember?

You must remember,

You’re not so much older than I.
Laura, do you remember when we had no zippers or ankle-boxes, but flapping galoshes and knee-length frocks?
Students used to gather and croon
"By the Light of the Silvery Moon."

($Insert song "By the Light of the Silvery Moon")

What sweet harmony, now
Laura, do you recall those boyish figures and shingle-bobs, fancy slickers and thing-a-ma-bobs?

($Insert song "Collegiate")

Laura, on the Hilltop in the good old days gone by
Do you remember?
You must remember,
You're not so much older than I.

Laura, do you remember Valentino and Clara Bow,
Silent pictures at the show?
Oh, how they fell for The Sheik,
And couples danced cheek to cheek.
Naughty, naughty, naughty!

Laura, do you recall Tin Lissies, It girls that showed their knees,
Charleston steps that caused a breeze?

($INSERT CHARLESTON DANCE)

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You must remember,
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