

## Sweet Heart May - Long Ago

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Long ago an angel I knew  
If ever a one was seen  
She was a bonny sweet child of eight  
And I was just eighteen,  
And every night she'd sit on my knee  
Her arms round my neck and say:  
"I love you, I love you,  
And when I grow big  
Now promise to marry me"

Chorus:  
Sweet Heart May,

When you grow up  
Some day,  
You may marry another  
And my heart betray  
But I'll wait for you  
And then we shall see  
What you will do  
When I ask you to  
Marry me.

2 I went one day  
To countries away  
To lands overseas to head  
Trials and troubles of life I met  
As years lay on my head  
But every night  
I'd think of that child  
Her smile and her young love sigh  
I longed just to see her grown up  
Sweet eighteen, my  
May of the days gone bye

Repeat Chorus.

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3 I came back again,  
And found her at last  
In a beautiful woman grown  
I asked her to think of those happy days  
But the mem'ry was mine alone  
I stood there before her I  
Sang the old song  
She could not recall it then  
I begged her to try  
She said, "I forgot you  
We must part tomorrow  
I'm going to be married  
Good bye.

Repeat Chorus

### **Some Notes on this Song**

This song was popular in the thirties, when my uncle Linus, the brother of my mother was in Bombay. Since his cousin Joe Tellis was getting engaged to a girl named May, he set this song to music and taught it to my mother, who in turn taught it to her children. Recently my eldest brother Joseph Pais, passed away on 19th of January, and during his funeral, his son, Anil Pais sang this song, as it was a favorite of his father. Here is the music, set by me, on software and converted to mp3 which you hear. If you like this music, and want a copy of the mp3 or the pdf score, please write to me, at [mangrecs4u@gmail.com](mailto:mangrecs4u@gmail.com)