

## Slim Dusty

### "Happiest Days Of All"

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I wandered today on the seashore  
The waves and the winds are low  
I thought of the days that are gone by, Maude  
Many long years ago

We lingered by the gently flowing billows  
And watched the golden sunset fade away  
And there among the sweet ocean bree-eezes  
We talked about our future wedding day

Gathering up the shells from the seashore  
Gathering up the shells from the sea  
Those were the happiest days of all, Maude  
Gathering up the shells from the shore

When the waves are rolling on the ocean  
And the golden moonbeams on the pebbles shine  
At your cottage by the sea I'll come agai-ain, Maude  
When the waves are rolling gently, sweetheart mine

Now I am growing up in years, Maude  
My locks are all si-ilver and grey  
But the vows that were made on the shore-ore, Maude  
Are fresh in my memory today

Gathering up the shells from the seashore  
Gathering up the shells from the sea  
Those were the happiest days of all, Maude  
Gathering up the shells from the shore

No more bright shells we will gather  
As the waves come dashing as of yore  
She lies 'neath the white pebbled sa-a-ands  
Yes, covered up with shells on the shore

Gathering up the shells from the seashore  
Gathering up the shells from the sea  
Those were the happiest days of all, Maude  
Gathering up the shells from the shore

