WHEN THE WORLD WAS YOUNG
(AH, THE APPLE TREES)
-M. Philippe-Gerard/Johnny Mercer

It isn’t by chance I happen to be a boulevardier, the toast of Paris

For, over the noise, the talk and the smoke, I’m good for a laugh, a drink, or a joke

I walk in a room, a party, or ball, “Come sit over here,” some-body will call

“A drink for Monsieur (Mam’selle), a drink for us all!”

But how many times I stop and re-call

Ah, the apple trees, blossoms in the breeze, that we walked among

Lying in the hay, games we used to play, while the rounds were sung

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Wher-ever I go, they mention my name, and that, in it-self, is some sort of fame

“Come by for a drink, we’re having a game,” wher-ever I go, I’m glad that I came

The talk is quite gay, the company fine, there’s laughter and lights, and glamour and wine

And beautiful girls (handsome young men), and some of them mine,

But often my eyes see a different shine

Ah, the apple trees, sunlit memo ries, where the hammock swung

On our backs we’d lie, looking at the sky, till the stars were strung

Only last Ju-ly, when the world was young when the world was young
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C Bm7b5 C Dm Cm6 E7 Cm6 E7
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Bb F Bm7b5 E7 Dm7 G7
But how many times I stop and re-call

C C#dim Dm G7 C Ebdim Dm G7
Ah, the apple trees, blossoms in the breeze, that we walked a-mong

CMA7 Am7 Bm7b5 E7 Am7 D7
Lying in the hay, games we used to play, while the rounds were sung

Dm7 G7b9 CMA7 Bm7b5 E7
Only yester-day, when the world was young

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