

THEY'RE GONE LIKE FLOATING DREAMS

I knew this song as a fiddle tune for a very long time until Andy Longo showed me that it had lyrics, and had been recorded by Kate Wolf. The song is generally credited to Texas fiddler Lucas "Red Luke" Thomasson, and was later made popular by his son Benny. Benny Thomasson says he remembers hearing his father and his uncle working on the tune on their front porch. That would have been around 1900. You can hear Kate's rendition here https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_A2n2bmferI or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html. Kate does it in the traditional key of D, a favorite with old-time fiddlers.

MIDNIGHT ON THE WATER

by Lucas Thomasson

D

There are times when I am blue

G D

Thinking of you and me

G D

At midnight on the water

A7 D

And how it used to be

There are stars among the trees

And some old memories I know

At midnight on the water

Not so long ago

Bm

Though they're gone like floating dreams

Bm

The scenes were there as in a mirror

Em

Made by the moon upon the water

Bm

And our love was never stronger

Gm

But the picture was broken

D

By the waves we left behind

G D

At midnight on the water

A7 D

Once upon a time

There are times when I am blue

Thinking of you and me

At midnight on the water

And how it used to be

In the stillness of the lake
Where these thoughts take me again
At midnight on the water
Do you remember when

Though they're gone like floating dreams
The scenes were there as in a mirror
Made by the moon upon the water
And our love was never stronger
But the picture was broken
By the waves we left behind
At midnight on the water
Once upon a time