

## Leo Kottke

### "Tilt Billings And The Student Prince"

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Tilt Billings and the Student Prince

by Leo Kottke, Ron Nagle

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recorded by Leo Kottke on:

1973 "Ice Water" (Capitol)

1978 "Leo Kottke The Best" (Capitol)

Tilt Billings saw a guitar in a pawn shop window  
Not much to look at but he knew that he'd found  
That old Student Prince that they made years ago  
So easy to play - what unbeatable sound!

Paid twenty bucks and grabbed his guitar  
Still be a steal at ten times the dough  
It was amazing how a mere beginner  
Could play just a few notes and sound like a pro

He'd play his heart out when he was at parties  
Guys would get jealous - but girls were impressed  
They'd ask how he did it he'd say  
"Nothin' to it, with this kind of guitar it brings out my  
best."

One night when he had the room captivated  
He took five and set down his prince  
When a drunk stumbled by and sat down where he laid  
it  
And he's never sounded quite the same since

Ron Nagle's House Party:

So Tilt's still upset but he's givin' up crying  
Just can't lift his eyes from the sad, sad ground  
Time marches on with its fingers still trying  
To find, once again, that Student Prince sound

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