

## **REO Speedwagon "Ballad of The Illinois Opry"**

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Found myself heading down toward springfield  
The last sign said it was twelve miles west  
It's gettin' hard to see through the salt on my  
windshield  
But it looks like I'm gonna make it before the sun sets

The morning I arrived was lincoln's birthday  
So I walked through his house and saw his tomb  
I decided that a tour through the civil war memorial  
museum would be a drag  
I was tired of seeing monuments about other men's  
doom

Now I don't want you people to think that all there is  
around springfield illinois  
Are landmarks telling 'bout the good old lincoln years  
Cus just north of town I saw a sign that said the illinois  
opry is open tonight  
And the sweet sound of country music filled my ears

And I want to be a star in the illinois opry now  
The people in the country certainly know how to play  
It may be a while before I'm ready  
But I'm gonna be up on that stage someday  
I could easily write a whole song about the licks that  
guitar man was pickin'  
I could go on for hours 'bout the old boy on pedal steel  
But I'm not singing 'bout people who were just playin'  
music  
I'm singing about how fine their music made me feel

There's a lot of people who have taken years of lessons  
Trying to learn how to make their music fit the trend  
But the simple folks at the opry have got somethin'  
special  
And I think that we all could use a lesson or two from  
them

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