The Statler Brothers "Strand"

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To every silver cowboy who rode the silver screen Do you remember ridin' through the strand And do you remember me I'm the front row kid Who galloped right behind you 'til the end

And saved your life so often by callin' out your name When it looked like Blackie had the upper hand We saved towns and ranches in spite of threats and rain

While stayin' safe and dry inside the Strand

The Strand it was a fortress in the heart of town It's marquee proudly boasted out you name Sendin' out a message to youngin's all around and each and every Saturday we came

We came to watch our hero's ride the silver screen In hot pursuit of Blackie's outlaw band I wish that I could walk up to that ticket booth again And buy just one more ticket to the Strand

But our town is changin' and it seems we need
A parking lot to help our town expand
Today I learned a lesson, like you I must be brave
Today I learned their tarein' down the Strand
I wish that there was somethin' Fellow's we could do
One more effort before we disband
We've saved those towns and ranches
And now before we're through
Seems we ought to try to save the Strand

But they say it's over and I guess it's true They'll park their cars where horses used to stand I'll try to use the courage that I learned from you Every time I think about the Strand

And If I could live life over there's much that I would change

And possibly I'd be a different man I'd follow many different trails but one would stay the same

And that's the one that led me to the Strand

That happy trail that led me to the Strand

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