

## Illinois State Song

By thy rivers gently flowing, Illinois, Illinois,  
O'er thy prairies verdant growing, Illinois, Illinois,  
Comes an echo on the breeze. Rustling through the leafy trees,  
And its mellow tones are these, Illinois, Illinois,  
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1818 saw your founding, Illinois, Illinois,  
And your progress is unbounding, Illinois, Illinois,  
Pioneers once cleared the land, where great industries now stand.  
World renown you do command, Illinois, Illinois,  
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Not without thy wondrous story, Illinois, Illinois,  
Can be writ the nation's glory, Illinois, Illinois,  
On the record of thy years, Abraham Lincoln's name appears,  
Grant and Logan, and our tears, Illinois, Illinois,  
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Let us pledge in final chorus, Illinois, Illinois  
That in struggles still before us, Illinois, Illinois  
To our heroes we'll be true, As their vision we pursue.  
In abiding love for you, Illinois, Illinois.  
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\*Verse 1 is the original first verse, Verse 3 is the original fourth verse by C.H. Chamberlin. Verse 2 and 4 were written by Win Stracke in 1966. Music by Archibald Johnston.

