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I'm gonna keep 'em that way
Till the swallows get back from Texarkana

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I missed that clickin', tickin' sound
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