

## Steel Guitar Heaven

Ry Cooder

I want to go to steel guitar heaven  
That's the only resting place for me  
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There's a lot of swinging cats I been wanting to see  
Like Joaquin Murphy and Jimmy Day  
Shake hands with Speedy and shout hooray  
That's steel guitar heaven to me  
I heard about steel guitar heaven  
I'm going when I die  
I heard Paul Bixby's been waiting  
He's got something new that he wants me to try  
It turns itself on and tells you a joke  
Lights you a drink and pours you a smoke  
Paul I don't think it's ready!  
That's steel guitar heaven to me

Well, folks, I think the good Lord must love steel players, He's made so many of them  
Matter of fact, He's still trying.  
But the good Lord knows that the steel player's life on Earth isn't often easy,  
So He's set aside a little corner of Heaven, custom made, just for you.  
First thing you'll notice, there's always plenty of courteous free parking  
And don't it just seem like that old triple-neck ain't near as heavy as it used to be?  
Step inside, and you'll find the walls are covered in real knotty pine,  
And just take a gander at all that luxurious hilo shag, continuous filament,  
Nylon-pile, wall-to-wall carpeting. Our Lord chose green-and-gold, my personal favourite.  
The tables and chairs are upholstered in genuine naugahyde, and here our Lord chose red, I think it's appropriate.  
There's always a lot of cowboy carrying on up on the bandstand, and you're bound to hear some old familiar voices calling, man, look who's here, come on up and sit on in. It's C6th day again.

You can't get fired up in Heaven  
Your union card's all paid  
There ain't no bosses up in heaven  
I heard Spade Cooley didn't make the grade  
Everybody's got a Story up in Heaven  
Some we all know well  
All steel players go to Heaven  
Some just go through hell

But the Good Lord loves each and every one  
When your ragtime cowboy days are done  
Come up to steel guitar Heaven with me  
That's steel guitar Heaven to me.