

# If a Song Could Be President

Over the Rhine

If a song could be president  
We'd hum on Election Day  
The gospel choir would start to sway  
And we'd all have a part to play

The First Lady would free her hips  
Pull a microphone to her lips  
Break our hearts with rhythm and blues  
Steve Earle would anchor the news

We'd vote for a melody  
Pass it around on an MP3  
All our best foreign policy  
Would be built on harmony

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We'd fly a jukebox to the moon  
All our founding fathers 45's  
Lightnin' Hopkins and Patsy Cline  
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We could all add another verse  
Life would teach us to rehearse  
Till we found a key change

Break out of this minor key  
Half truths and hypocrisy  
We wouldn't need an underachiever-in-chief  
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We'd make Neil Young a Senator  
Even though he came from Canada  
Emmy Lou would be Ambassador  
World leaders would listen to her

They would show us where our country went wrong  
Strum their guitars on the White House lawn  
John Prine would run the FBI  
All the criminals would laugh and cry  
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