

# Thank You, Republic Airlines

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Flying through the Michigan skies with a song in my innocent heart  
I placed myself in professional hands, masters of the traveler's art  
When I opened my guitar case at the end of a beautiful flight  
I'm sure you can imagine my feelings, as I beheld this beautiful sight  
Thank you, Republic Airlines, for breaking the neck on my guitar  
I arrived to do a concert with the Kingston Trio  
Opened my guitar case with a smile - con brio  
Thank you, Republic Airlines, what a joy to the musician you are  
What a zest you've added to pedestrian skies  
It was boring to be flying where the wild goose flies  
But the tedium was broken by the wonderful surprise  
When you broke the neck on my guitar  
Thank you, Republic Airlines, for treating my instrument with care  
There can be no greater happiness for the musician  
Than to find his instrument in this condition  
Ho-ho, Republic Airlines, in the firmament of travel, you're the star  
For you treat each piece of baggage like a child of your own  
When you come across an instrument, it's dropped like a stone  
May you waken every morning with a new broken bone  
Like you broke the neck on my guitar  
Well, I've been traveling most of my life, and the thrill is a long time gone  
And the sight of another DC 10 just fails to turn me on  
But I feel my heart start pounding when I get to the baggage claim  
And when I see how you handled my instrument, the thrill is still the same  
Thank you, Republic Airlines, for splintering the neck on my guitar  
My guitar case was so strong that nothing could go through it  
Way to go Republic, only you could do it  
Crash bang, Republic Airlines, in the field of demolition, you'll go far  
For you took it as a challenge when I checked in my case  
And you saw the fragile stickers glued all over the place  
May a team of mad flamenco dancers do to your face  
What you did to the neck on my guitar  
There could no satisfaction greater than if  
You should be the next to go the way of Brani