

Tumbleweed

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Far across the Mississippi and out on the open plains
In an Oklahoma cow town where the sky begins to rain
In a dusty run-down honky tonk sits a drifting tumbleweed
Thumbing through some magazine that he can't even read

Now tumbleweed remembers how the west was won and lost
The homestead act and the dust bowl, everybody paid the cost
And the great white father promised to treat his children all t
he same
Back when Indian territory was Oklahoma's name

Oh tumbleweed keep rollin', he just roams from town to town
It ain't easy for a half-breed kid to try and settle down
Tumbleweed keep rollin', he can't find no place to rest
Yeah the desert wind blows tumbleweed like some spirit of the w
est

Well his boot heels tap in time to an old flat top guitar
And he's a guitar local hero and he sings straight from the hea
rt
And his tip jar just a jungle of worn old dollar bills
He makes his rent and grocery in the local bar and grill

When he starts to picking that old guitar you know the people t
urn and stare
When he starts to sing the songs he wrote wells there's magic i
n the air
'Cause his song can heal your wounded heart, he can set you spi
rit free
He can raise you hopes to be the very best that you can be

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So if you cross the Mississippi, you head out on the open plain
And you pass through Oklahoma and the sky begins to rain
And you feeling kind of rootless, you can't find no place to re
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Just remember tumbleweed, he's the spirit of the west

Oh the desert blows old tumbleweed like some spirit of the west