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**Spring Valley Road**  
by Joyce Wilson

We rode together in the truck  
*On Spring Valley Road*  
Late Sunday morning, it was hot  
*On Spring Valley Road*  
We passed the church and looked inside  
*On Spring Valley Road*  
So many people, it was packed  
*On Spring Valley Road*  
The minister had just arrived  
*On Spring Valley Road*  
He tipped his hat as we rolled by  
*On Spring Valley Road*  
His brilliant smile enraptured us  
*On Spring Valley Road*  
He reached the door and opened it  
*On Spring Valley Road*  
We heard the congregation shout  
*On Spring Valley Road*  
Another wave swept over us  
*On Spring Valley Road*  
The sound of voices raised in song  
*On Spring Valley Road*

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