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OFFICIAL STATE SONG

THE LYRIC OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS

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Words by C. H. Chamberlin

Air "Baby Mine"

1. By thy riv - ers gen - tly flow - ing, Il - li-
2. From a wil - der - ness of prai - ries, Il - li-
3. When you heard your coun - try call - ing, Il - li-
4. Not with - out thy won - drous sto - ry, Il - li-

nois, Il - li - nois, O'er thy prai - ries ver - dant grow - ing, Il - li-
nois, Il - li - nois, Straight thy way and nev - er va - ries, Il - li-
nois, Il - li - nois, Where the shot and shell were fall - ing, Il - li-
nois, Il - li - nois, Can be writ the na - tion's glo - ry Il - li-

nois, Il - li - nois, Comes an ech - o on the breeze, Rus - tling
nois, Il - li - nois, Till up - on the in - land sea, Stands thy
nois, Il - li - nois, When the South - ern host with - drew Pit - ting
nois, Il - li - nois, On the rec - ord of thy years, A - bra'am



thro, the leaf - y trees, and its mel - low tones are these, Il - li -
 great com - mer - cial tree, turn - ing all the world to thee, Il - li -
 Gray a - gainst the Blue, There were none more brave than you, Il - li -
 Lin - coln's name ap - pears, Grant, and Lo - gan, and our tears, Il - li -



nois, Il - li - nois, And its mel - low tones are these, Il - li - nois!
 nois, Il - li - nois, Turn - ing all the world to thee, Il - li - nois!
 nois, Il - li - nois, There were none more brave than you, Il - li - nois!
 nois, Il - li - nois. Grant, and Lo - gan, and our tears, Il - li - nois!

THE STATE SONG

"BY ACT of the Fifty-fourth General Assembly the song "Illinois" became the official State song. The bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Florence Fifer Bohrer, daughter of the late Governor Joseph W. Fifer and the first woman to serve as member of the Illinois Senate. The bill passed both houses without opposition and became law by executive signature

"Illinois" had long been the State song, but it had been given no official recognition prior to the passage of the bill. The song was written by Charles H. Chamberlin some time between 1890 and 1894, in connection with plans for securing the World's Columbian Exposition for Chicago. Many states were attempting to secure the exposition, Illinois making strong efforts herself with the able assistance of U. S. Senator Shelby M. Cullom and U. S. Senator John M. Palmer. Col. O. B. Knight, a friend of Mr. Chamberlin, in the meantime, was singing throughout Illinois and in Washington, D. C. and so the song was written primarily for him to sing. The lyric was composed by Mr. Chamberlin, but the music had been written by Archibald Johnston in 1870 with another lyric by Charles Mackay. In its original form the name of the song was "Baby Mine," under which title it won great popularity in the '70s.