

CAIRO ILLINOIS [Natalie Hemby - Cairo, IL](#)

INTRO riff x 2 on C

C

V1 All the fields are flooded up to Highway 51

C Am (G)

Illinois is coming 'cross the bridge where the Old Ohio was

F C

Don't look away, it will be gone

C

V2 Kentucky and Missouri, a trinity of states

C Am

Nothing's in a hurry 'cept the water in between the rising banks

F C

Oh nothing moves but nothing stays

CHORUS

F G Am G C
Where the longing for the leaving and the welcome home receiving join

F G Am G C -> riff

Still I'll keep driving past the ghost of Cairo, Illinois

V3 She used to be a beauty back in 1891

After Fort Defiance, now she's weathered by the river and the sun

She's still around but she is gone

REPEAT CHORUS

C Am (G) F C

La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la

REPEAT CHORUS

C Am (G) F C

La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la