

Springtime in Indiana

The Crossroads of America is known
For Hoosier hospitality that's sown,
Reflecting what this state does on its own.
These smiling friendly people who alone
Reveal these values that remain home grown.

In Indiana basketball is king,
With "right of passage" tournaments each spring,
About the time when birds begin to sing.
And with each game the loser feels the sting
Of not advancing further toward their ring.

The other springtime sport involves a race
The "Brickyard" every May is the one place
Where speedy cars encircle at a pace
Much faster than what mortal drivers face.
These racers leave the pits without a trace,
They know a troubled car is no disgrace.

The other lasting feature here is corn,
And every spring these budding stalks are born.
They rise to several feet before they're torn
By farmers on a late September morn.



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