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Adventures of Rick

The sun was bright, but the air was cool on the day that Rick Norcross climbed into his "33 International truck to depart for the land of sunshine and study, Florida. After climbing into the cab of the truck, he immediately climbed out and snatched the crank so that he could start his little baby. When the motor began chugging, he waved a cheery farewell, called a familiar, "Hang in there", and departed from the tiny band of well-wishers gathered in front of the parsonage. He had high hopes and long aspirations for his goal, Florida. The truck had taken all of his summer earnings and then some, but now Richard the folksinger was on his way and all was well in his small world. However, calamity waited at Kokomo! The truck only argued with its proud owner for 80 miles and then it just quit. Rick earned a little money singing in Kokomo and then traded his International jewel for another piece of junk, which took his Kokomo earnings. The piece of junk tried valiantly to complete its leg of the journey, but died a coughing death in Franklin, Indiana. Now, a lesser soul would have died with the piece of junk, but not stouthearted Rick. Digging the remainder of his money out of his jeans, he traded the piece of junk for a '54 Packard. After all, he only had to get from Franklin, Indiana to Lakeland, Florida, without a dime. Strange as it may seem, the last car made it all the way. Of course, Rick had to work along the way and sell his fiddle and a few other possessions and not sleep for three nights. But he made it. They say the Lord looks out for his children, sheep, sparrows and folksingers. Brother, you had better believe it!

