

“Hybrid Cowboy”
By Kathleen Herrmann

Thanks y’all for coming tonight
Lanky Texan in silver gray suit
Nods to the folks
Taps his boot

Drumstick echoes
Guitar syncopates
Fiddle dances
Bass undulates

Country cadence
Warm and smooth
Skinny lips part
Cut loose

He says I
Swing with the penguins
Rock out with the bears
Go out on the ocean (kemo sabe)
Upon my pony fair

Praises be
This white boy can wail
Fingers fly picking fast hot licks
He’s sure got it nailed

Deep down groove
Chair dance moves
Ripple through the crowd
Lyle leaves ‘em riding high
And the songs play on inside



“Lyle in Concert”
by Craig Moline