



Poetry found in the Journal of the House in 1955. The Honorable Arch McFarlane, Senator from Black Hawk, recited the following:

I quote from a citizen of my own city, Mr. Ben F. Swisher:

"IOWA"

Where the soil is fertile and crops are sure,
And the air and water and milk are pure;
Where corn is the king, and the cattle bawl
For the ears, the nubbins, the stalks and all.
That's Iowa.

Where the cities are small, but the best on earth,
Where the shortage in numbers is made up in worth,
Where graft and its kindred are not often found,
Where all of the good things of statehood abound,
That's Iowa.

Where the "Stars and Stripes" are unfurled every day
On the top of each school house-as all states should pray-
Where the boys and the girls are all taught to feel,
That the flag of our country is living and real.
That's Iowa.

Where the skies are blue, and the storms are few,
Where God sends the sunshine, the rain and the dew,
Where the women are handsome and noble and true,
Where all of the people have plenty to do.
That's Iowa.

Arch W. McFarlane served in the House of Representatives during the 36th, 37th, 38th and 39th General Assemblies. He served as Speaker of the House for the 38th and 39th (1919-1921) General Assemblies. He served as Lt. Governor and presided over the Senate during the 43rd and 44th (1928-1933) General Assemblies. He then was re-elected to the House and served in the 45th, 46th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 54th, 55th General Assemblies. Mr. McFarlane finished his legislative career by serving as a Senator during the 56th and 57th General Assemblies.