

# Ten Great Narrative Songs That Aren't the Beatles, Springsteen or Dylan

**"1952 Vincent Black Lightning," Richard Thompson**

**"Ode To Billie Joe," Bobbie Gentry**

**"Mind Playing Tricks On Me," Geto Boys**

**"The Road Goes On Forever," Robert Earl Keen**

**"Paradise By the Dashboard Light," Meat Loaf**

**"The Randall Knife," Guy Clark**

**"Up the Junction," Squeeze**

**"Fast Car," Tracy Chapman**

**"Miss Otis Regrets," Ella Fitzgerald**

**"Rewind," Nas**

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