

# Mr. Lincoln

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Mr. Lincoln I wish you were here  
The Republic's changed a lot in a hundred years  
And I don't think it's working like you planned  
Oh, Mr Lincoln, we could use a handI just read the headlines in The Nashville News  
And I wish I'd made this up but I'm afraid it's true  
'Cause a man was murdered for his money in the streets  
He was taking his wife to a nice place to eatWhen they caught the man he did 23 months of time  
He pled insanity like they do now all the time  
Sir, what would you have done in 1859?  
Now if you shoot someone, sir, you can get off scott-freeIt's the latest thing, Mr. Lincoln, can you believe?  
Now they sue the manufacturers of the guns  
Ain't the law changed a lot since 1861?Mr. Lincoln, I wish you were here  
'Cause things have changed a lot in a hundred years  
And I don't think it's working out like you planned  
Hey, Mr. Lincoln, we sure could use a handI just heard the news story on the radio  
They let dangerous men out of prisons now  
Yes, sir I'm afraid it's so 'cause they're overcrowded  
And it was only his fifth offenseThis time, he's killed someone, does that make any sense?  
Now, my lawyer called me about a nuisance case  
'Cause everybody sues over any little thing these days  
Well, at least we're rightAll we gotta do is tell the truth  
He said, "You're living in the past, you romantic fool"  
I said, "You got that right, I lean toward the older ways  
And there's damn few backwoods lawyers left today"Mr Lincoln, I wish you were here  
The Republic's changed a lot in a hundred years  
And I don't think it's working like you planned  
Hey, Mr. Lincoln, we sure could use a handMr. Lincoln, please, could you come here?  
'Cause things have changed a lot in a hundred years  
And I don't think it's working out like you planned  
Mr. Lincoln, we sure could use a hand

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