

The Biggest Ball of Twine in Minnesota - "Weird Al" Yankovic // 1989 // key: Eb

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2. So the very next day we loaded up the car, with potato skins and pickled wieners
Crossword puzzles, Spider-Man comics, and mama's home made rhubarb pie
Pulled out of the driveway and the neighbors they all waved goodbye and so began our three-day journey...
We picked up a guy holding a sign that said, "Twine ball or bust"
He smelled real bad and he said his name was Bernie...
I put in a Slim Whitman tape, my wife put on a brand new hair net
Kids were in the back seat jumping up and down yelling, "Are we there yet?"
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As we rolled down the long and winding interstate in our '53 DeSoto
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3. Oh, we couldn't wait to get there, so we drove straight through for three whole days and nights
Of course, we stopped for more pickled wieners now and then
The scenery was just so pretty, boy I wish the kids could've seen it
But you can't see out of the side of the car, because the windows are completely covered
With the decals from all the places where we've already been
Like Elvis-O-Rama, the Tupperware Museum, the Boll Weevil Monument and Cranberry World

A♭ - **E♭** **F** - **B♭**
The Shuffleboard Hall Of Fame, Poodle Dog Rock, and The Mecca of Albino Squirrels

A♭ - **E♭** **B♭** - **E♭**
We been to ghosttowns, theme parks, wax museums and the place where you can drive through the middle of a tree

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We've seen alligator farms and tarantula ranches, but there's still one thing we gotta see...

E♭ **A♭** **E♭**
4. Well, we crossed the state line about 6:39 and we saw the sign that said, "Twine Ball exit, fifty miles"

E♭ **A♭** **E♭**
Oh, the kids were so happy they started singing "99 Bottles of Beer on the Wall" for the 27th time that day

E♭ **A♭** **D♭* A♭***
So we pulled off the road at the last chance gas station, got a few more pickled wieners & a diet chocolate
E♭
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E♭ **A♭** **E♭** **D♭ - A♭**
5. Finally, at 7:37 early Wednesday evening, as the sun was setting in the Minnesota sky

E♭ **A♭** **E♭** **E♭**
Out in the distance on the horizon, it appeared to me like a vision before my unbelieving eyes

E♭ **D♭** - **A♭** **E♭** **E♭**
I parked the car and walked with awe-filled reverence, toward that glorious, huge, majestic sphere

E♭ **D♭ - A♭** **E♭** **E♭**
I was just so overwhelmed by its sheer immensity, I had to pop myself a beer...

A♭ **D♭** - **A♭** **E♭** **E♭**
Yes, on these hallowed grounds, open ten to eight on weekdays, in a little shrine under a makeshift pagoda

D♭ - **A♭** **E♭** **D♭** - **A♭** **E♭**
There sits the biggest ball of twine in Minnesota, I tell you it's the biggest ball of twine in Minnesota

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E♭ **D♭** - **A♭** **E♭** **D♭ - A♭**
Bridge: Oh, what on earth would make a man decide to do that kind of thing?

E♭ **D♭** - **A♭** **E♭** **D♭ - A♭**
Oh, windin' up twenty-one thousand, one hundred forty pounds of string

E♭* **D♭*** - **A♭***
What was he trying to prove? Who was he trying to impress?

E♭* **D♭*** - **A♭***
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E♭* **D♭*** - **A♭***
Where did he get the twine? What was goin' through his mind?

D♭ - **A♭** **B♭**
Did it just seem like a good idea at the time?

E♭
6. Well, we walked up beside it and I warned the kids

A♭ **E♭**
"Now, you better not touch it, those ropes are there for a reason"

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 I said "Maybe if you're good I'll tie it to the back of our car and we can take it home" but I was only teasin'
E♭ **D♭** - **A♭**
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E♭ - **B♭** **E♭**
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A♭ **D♭** - **A♭** **E♭**
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E♭* **A♭*** - **A♭m***
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A♭ **D♭** - **A♭** **E♭**
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B **A♭** **E♭** **E♭** - **E♭***
 Minnesota, Minnesota, Minnesota

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