

Telegraph Road

Dire Straits

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E|-----
B|-----0-----8---7>10-----
G|----5-2-----0-0-0-4>7-----7-----10---9-7^9^7---5^7-7~(10)---7---
D|--x-----0-0-----
A|-x-----
E|-----
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F Dm
 A long time ago came a man on a track
 C Bb F
 walking thirty miles with a sack on his back
 Bb C F C7
 and he put down his load where he thought it was the best
 Bb Gm7 Bb
 he made a home in the wilderness
 F Dm
 he built a cabin and a winter store
 C Am Bb F
 and he ploughed up the ground by the cold lake shore
 Bb C F C
 and the other travellers came riding down the track
 Bb F/A Gm7 Bb
 and they never went further and they never went back
 F Dm
 then came the churches then came the schools
 C Bb F
 then came the lawyers then came the rules
 Bb Csus4 C F C
 then came the trains and the trucks with their loads
 Bb Bb Dm
 and the dirty old track was the telegraph road

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E|-----
B|-----5-3---6^3-----
G|-2>5-5~(7)-----5-5>7-----7>14---15---17---
D|-----
A|-----
E|-----
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F Dm
 Then came the mines - then came the ore
 C Bb Bb F
 then there was the hard times then there was a war
 Bb C F C7
 telegraph sang a song about the world outside
 Bb Gm7
 telegraph road got so deep and so wide

Bb F
like a rolling river. . .

At 4:07

E|-----5

B|---6---6-8-6---6^8^6-8-8~(10)---8-8-8~(10)---10-11^10^8---10-8---8^6^8---8-6

G|-5---5-----10-----

7--

D|

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A|

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E|

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E|-----8

B|-----8^10^11-11-11-11-10-8---x---10-8---6^8^6---8^6^8---10>11-10-8---11-10^8--

G|-7^5^7

D|

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A|

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E|

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E|-----10-----13-12^13^12

-10-----

B|-x-11-11-11---10-10^11-13~(15)-13---10-13^10^13^10---13~(15)-----x

-----13-----

G|

-----12--

D|

A|

E|

G | - - - - - 10 - - - 12^10 - - - 10

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B | -----5-3^5^3---6^3-----

D | -----

E | - - - - -

G| ---7-----7^6-7---7^9^7---5---3^2-5-3-3---5-0-3---2^0^2

D| -7-----5^3
-3^5-3>5--
A

E

E| -----6-5-3

B| -----8^7^6---6^8---8~(10)---8~(10)---x-----6^5^3

G| -----2-----5-5^6^7-----7
-----5^3-2-----
D| -3-3^5---3-----3^5-3
-----5-3-
A| -----3^5

E

E| ---6---6---6---6-----6---6-8-8-6-5-6-5-----10-8-10-8-10-8

B| ->6---6---6---5---5-----8-----8-6---x-----8---11-10-11
-11-10-8-11-
G

D

A

E

E| -----12-13-15---15~(17)-----13-12---15-13

B| -10^8-10-11-----10-11-13>15
-----6>13--
G| -----10^12---12

D

A|

E|

C F Dm
I used to like to go to work but they shut it down
C Bb
I ve got a right to go to work but there s no work here to be found
F Bb C F C7
yes and they say we re gonna have to pay what s owed
Bb Gm7
we re gonna have to reap from seed that s been sowed
Bb F Dm
and the birds up on the wires and the telegraph poles
C Bb
they can always fly away from this rain and this cold
C7 F
you can here them singing out their telegraph code
C Bb Dm
all the way down the telegraph road

At 7:52

E|-----10-----8---10

B|-----0-----8---7>10-----10~(12)---8-10^8^10-----1-1-0

G|-0-0-0-4>7---7-----0-2-----2-3>5-
4--
D|-0-0

A|

E|

E|-----
B|-----3-6-5-3---1^3-----
G|-2^0^2-----5~(7)-----2^0^2--
D|-----0-0-----
A|-----
E|-----

C F Dm
You know I d sooner forget but I remember those nights
C Bb
when life was just a bet on a race between the lights
F Bb C F C7
you had your head on my shoulder you had your hand in my hair

Bb Gm7
 now you act a little colder like you don t seem to care
 Bb F Dm
 but believe in me baby and I ll take you away
 C Bb
 from out of this darkness and into the day
 C F C
 from these rivers of headlights these rivers of rain
 F/A Bb C7 F C
 from the anger that lives on the streets with these names
 F/A Bb C7 F F/A
 cos I ve run every red light on memory lane
 Bb C7 F C F/A
 I ve seen desperation explode into flames
 Bb C7 F C
 and I don t want to see it again. . .

Am Dm
 From all of these signs saying sorry but we re closed
 Bb
 all the way

At 9:32

E|-----3-2>3>5

 B|-----3

 G|-2-----0-----4-----5~(7)-5-5-4-0-0-5-4

 D|-0-----3>>5-----5>7-7^5^7-----5
 -5-3-5-5>7-----
 A|-----3>5
 -----5-5-
E

E

 B|-----3---5>7

 G|-----2-5---4-----7~(11)-7-----5-----5-5^7-7-----5-5>2-2^0^2
 -----5--
 D|-----3-----5-----0^5^7-----0^5^7-----0^5^7
 -----0---0^5^7-----
 A|-3-5

E

E

B| -5-3^5^3-1>3

G| -----5^7-10-10-----5-----5>7-----5
-----5-----
D| -----5^7-10-10---0^5^7-----0^5^7-----0^5^7---7-----3-x-----
0^5^7---7--
A| -----3^4^5-----3^5

E

E

B| -5-3---6^3

G| -----5-7~(11)---x-5^7-----5-----5-7-7-7-----5

D| -----0^5^7---7---0^5^7-----0^5^7---7-----3-x-----
x-----
A| -----3^4^5
-----3^5--
E

E

B| -5-3---6^3

G| -----5-x-5-5>7-5-x-7---7-x-7^5---5-7---7-7-7---x---7-10^7---7-7-7---x---
7-10^7--
D| -----7-----7-7-7-x---x-7-----7-7-7-x---x-
7-----
A

E

E| -----3---1>3-3-----1

B| -----6-8-6-----5-3---1>3-3-5~(6)-3---3

G| -7-7-7---x---7-----7-7-7-7-----3-x-----7-7-7-5-4---2>4-4-5~(7)

D| -7-7-7-x---x-7---x-7-----3^4^5-----3^5---7-7-7-----0

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A
E|

E|-----8---8---8-----3-3-x-2-----10^8

B|-6-3---8~(10)-(10)-6---3^6-----3^1-3---6-----8-----10^9^8-----8
-8-x-8-x-8--
G|-5-----5-7---7^9^10-----10-7

D

A

E

E

B|-8-7---7-8-7-----13-----13-13-13---13-13-13-13-----13-----12-12---12-10

G|-----7-----7---12~(14)-12-10-12---10-12-10-12~(14)---12~(14)-12-12---12-10-
12-11-9-----
D
-----12--
A|

E

E

B|-13-----13-13-13---13-13-13-13-----15-13---15-13-----10

G|-12~(14)-12-10-12---10-12-10-12~(14)---x---12-14---12---11---11-11-----7-7-
7---10^7----
D|-----12----->7---7-
7-7-----7--
A

E

E|-----1-
3^1----

B|-----6^8-6^8-10-10--8-7-8-10--5^7-----3-----3
-----3--

G|-10^7--10~(12)-(12)~10-7-----7-----2^5--5~(7)

D|-----x

A

E

E|-----1-3^5^3-1-1>3-----
15~(17)-15~(17)--

B|---1^3-----15-----15---15---15---15---15---15-----18-15

G|-2-----14~(16)-(16)-(16)-(16)---14---12^14-14---x

D

A

E

E|-13-15-----15-14-----17^15---15^13--13--15^13

B|-----15-15-----15-----18-15-----18-----15-----15-----15-
13^15^13--13-----

G|-----x-----17---17
-----14--14^12--

D

A

E

E

B|-15-----15-----15-15---20~(22)~20^18-18-20~(22)~20^18-----20~(22)~20^18?18-

20~(22)~20^18---
G|-14~(16)-14~(16)-14-14-----19-----19-----19
-----19-
D

A

E

E|-----20-20

B|-20~(22)~20^18--18--20~(22)----20~(22)-20-18-20-19---20~(22)~20^18--18-
20~(22)~20^18--18-
G|-----19-----19-----19
-----19--
D

A

E

E|-20~(22)-20-17-20~(22)-20---17^20^17

B|-----20-18^20^18--20^18-----15
-----15-----10-----
G|-----17-----17---17~(19)---
17~(19)----12--10--
D

A

E

E|-----10-----10-----10-----10-12-10
-----10-----10-
B|-----10--13-----10--12-12-10-----10--13-----
13^14--13^14---
G|-10-10-12-----10-12-----12-11-----10-12

D|-----12-12

A

E

E|-----10---10---13^10---10

B|-13^14---13-----13---13-10---10

G|-----12---12-10-----5-----5-7
-----5-----
D|-----12---0^5^7---7---0^5^7-----0^5^7
---7--
A

E

E

B|-----5-3-----3-5^3---3

G|-----5-----5~(7)-----5-----5-----5-7
-----5-----
D|-----3-x-----0^5^7---7-----0^5^7---7---0^5^7-----
0^5^7---7--
A|-3^4^5-----3^5

E

E

B|-----5-3

G|-----5-----5-----5~(7)-5>7-7>5

D|-5^7---7-----7---0-x-0-x-0-x-0-x-0-x-0-3^0---0-x-0-x-0-x
-0-x-0-x-0-5^0--
A

E

E|-----10
-----10---
B|-----10---
13-----10--12-
G|-----0-----10^12^10-10
-----10^12^10-----
D|-0-x-0-x-0-x-0-x-0-x-0---7-x-7-x-7-x-7-x-7---5

A

E

E|-----10

B|---13-12-----10---13---13-12---12-12-12---12-----18
---17-15-18-17-15---
G|-x-----14^12^14-----10^12^10-10-----14-12---12-12-12-----12-11

D|-----12

A

E

E|-----15---15^13

B|-----15---17~(18)-17-15-----15-18^15---15-----15-----15-
17^15-----15-----
G|-14>16-----17~(19)-----17---17---17---17
-----16-14^16-----
D

A

E

E|-----
B|-13~(15)-(15)-(15)~13-10---13~(15)-(15)-(15)~13-10---
G|-----
D|-----
A|-----
E|-----

(Fade out)