

Telegraph Road
Dire Straits

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	-----				

F# Ebm
A long time ago came a man on a track
C# B F#
walking thirty miles with a sack on his back
B C# F# C#7
and he put down his load where he thought it was the best
B G#m7 B
he made a home in the wilderness
F# Ebm
he built a cabin and a winter store
C# Bbm B F#
and he ploughed up the ground by the cold lake shore
B C# F# C#
and the other travellers came riding down the track
B F#/A G#m7 B
and they never went further and they never went back
F# Ebm
then came the churches then came the schools
C# B F#
then came the lawyers then came the rules
B C#sus4 C# F# C#
then came the trains and the trucks with their loads
B B Ebm
and the dirty old track was the telegraph road

E	-----				
B	-----5-3---6^3-----				
G	-2>5-5~(7)-----5-5>7-----7>14---15---17--				
D	-----				
A	-----				
E	-----				

F# Ebm
Then came the mines - then came the ore
C# B B F#
then there was the hard times then there was a war
B C# F# C#7
telegraph sang a song about the world outside
B G#m7
telegraph road got so deep and so wide

B 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 | -----
-
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 | -----

E | -----13-13-15-15~(17)~15-----20

B | -13~(15)----->15-----18---18-20~(22)-
20~(22)~20--
G | -----10---12^10---10

D | -----12

A
E |

E | -----20~(22)-----15-15~(17)

B | -18^20^18---20^18-----18-15-18-----15-----13^12

G | -----19-----14-12-14^12^14-
10^12--
D
A |

E

E |
B | -----5-3^5^3---6^3-----
G | -----5-5>7--->14-15--
D |
A |
E |

Eb Eb7/F# G#
And my radio says tonight it's gonna freeze
Ebm
people driving home from the factories
C#
there's six lanes of traffic
Bbm Ebm
three lanes moving slow. . .

At 5:49

E
B | -----5-6-----6-8^6---5

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---6-8-8-6-5-6-5-----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# Ebm
I used to like to go to work but they shut it down
C# B
I've got a right to go to work but there's no work here to be found
F# B C# F# C#7
yes and they say we're gonna have to pay what's owed
B G#m7
we're gonna have to reap from seed that's been sowed
B F# Ebm
and the birds up on the wires and the telegraph poles
C# B
they can always fly away from this rain and this cold
C#7 F#
you can hear them singing out their telegraph code
C# B Ebm
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# Ebm
You know I'd sooner forget but I remember those nights
C# B
when life was just a bet on a race between the lights
F# B C# F# C#7
you had your head on my shoulder you had your hand in my hair

B G#m7
now you act a little colder like you don t seem to care
B F# Ebm
but believe in me baby and I ll take you away
C# B
from out of this darkness and into the day
C# F# C#
from these rivers of headlights these rivers of rain
F#/A B C#7 F# C#
from the anger that lives on the streets with these names
F#/A B C#7 F# F#/A
cos I ve run every red light on memory lane
B C#7 F# C# F#/A
I ve seen desperation explode into flames
B C#7 F# C#
and I don t want to see it again. . .

Bbm Ebm
From all of these signs saying sorry but we re closed
B
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-----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
-----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-----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~(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-----
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-----15-
17^15-----15-----
G | -14>16-----17~(19)-----17---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 |

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