

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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E C#m
A long time ago came a man on a track
B A E
walking thirty miles with a sack on his back
A B E B7
and he put down his load where he thought it was the best
A F#m7 A
he made a home in the wilderness
E C#m
he built a cabin and a winter store
B G#m A E
and he ploughed up the ground by the cold lake shore
A B E B
and the other travellers came riding down the track
A E/A F#m7 A
and they never went further and they never went back
E C#m
then came the churches then came the schools
B A E
then came the lawyers then came the rules
A Bsus4 B E B
then came the trains and the trucks with their loads
A A C#m
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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E C#m
Then came the mines - then came the ore
B A A E
then there was the hard times then there was a war
A B E B7
telegraph sang a song about the world outside
A F#m7
telegraph road got so deep and so wide

A E
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 |

A |

E |

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 |

A |

E |

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 | -----

C# C#7/F# F#
And my radio says tonight it s gonna freeze

C#m
people driving home from the factories

B
there s six lanes of traffic

G#m C#m
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---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 |

B E C#m
I used to like to go to work but they shut it down

B A
I ve got a right to go to work but there s no work here to be found

E A B E B7
yes and they say we re gonna have to pay what s owed

A F#m7
we re gonna have to reap from seed that s been sowed

A E C#m
and the birds up on the wires and the telegraph poles

B A
they can always fly away from this rain and this cold

B7 E
you can here them singing out their telegraph code

B A C#m
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 |-----

B E C#m
You know I d sooner forget but I remember those nights

B A
when life was just a bet on a race between the lights

E A B E B7

you had your head on my shoulder you had your hand in my hair

A F#m7
 now you act a little colder like you don t seem to care
 A E C#m
 but believe in me baby and I ll take you away
 B A
 from out of this darkness and into the day
 B E B
 from these rivers of headlights these rivers of rain
 E/A A B7 E B
 from the anger that lives on the streets with these names
 E/A A B7 E E/A
 cos I ve run every red light on memory lane
 A B7 E B E/A
 I ve seen desperation explode into flames
 A B7 E B
 and I don t want to see it again. . .

G#m C#m
 From all of these signs saying sorry but we re closed
 A
 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 | $-5-3^5 \cdot 3-1 > 3$

G | $5^7-10-10-5-5 > 7-5$

D | $5^7-10-10-0^5 \cdot 7-0^5 \cdot 7-0^5 \cdot 7-7-3-x-0^5 \cdot 7-7$

A | $3^4 \cdot 5-3^5$

E |

E |

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

G | $5-7 \sim (11)-x-5^7-5-5-7-7-7-5$

D | $0^5 \cdot 7-7-0^5 \cdot 7-0^5 \cdot 7-7-3-x$

A | $3^4 \cdot 5-3^5$

E |

E |

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

G | $5-x-5-5 > 7-5-x-7-7-x-7^5-5-7-7-7-x-7-10^7-7-7-7-x-7-10^7$

D | $7-7-7-x-x-7-7-7-x-x$

A |

E |

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

B | $6-8-6-5-3-1 > 3-3-5 \sim (6)-3-3$

G | $7-7-7-x-7-7-7-7-3-x-7-7-7-5-4-2 > 4-4-5 \sim (7)$

D | $7-7-7-x-x-7-x-7-3^4 \cdot 5-3^5-7-7-7-0$

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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

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

D|

A|

E|

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

B|-----20-18^20^18--20^18-----15

G|-----17-----17---17~(19)---17~(19)----12--10--

D|

A|

E|

E|-----10-----10-----10-----10-12-10

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)