

Telegraph Road  
Dire Straits

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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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G Em  
 A long time ago came a man on a track  
 D C G  
 walking thirty miles with a sack on his back  
 C D G D7  
 and he put down his load where he thought it was the best  
 C Am7 C  
 he made a home in the wilderness  
 G Em  
 he built a cabin and a winter store  
 D Bm C G  
 and he ploughed up the ground by the cold lake shore  
 C D G D  
 and the other travellers came riding down the track  
 C G/A Am7 C  
 and they never went further and they never went back  
 G Em  
 then came the churches then came the schools  
 D C G  
 then came the lawyers then came the rules  
 C Dsus4 D G D  
 then came the trains and the trucks with their loads  
 C C Em  
 and the dirty old track was the telegraph road

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

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G Em  
 Then came the mines - then came the ore  
 D C C G  
 then there was the hard times then there was a war  
 C D G D7  
 telegraph sang a song about the world outside  
 C Am7  
 telegraph road got so deep and so wide

C G  
like a rolling river. . .

At 4:07

E |-----5  
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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  
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G | -5---5-----10-----  
7--  
D |  
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A |  
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E |  
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E |-----8  
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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  
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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 |  
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-----12--  
D |  
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A |  
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E |  
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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 | -----

E E7/F# A  
And my radio says tonight it s gonna freeze

Em  
people driving home from the factories

D  
there s six lanes of traffic

Bm Em  
three lanes moving slow. . .

At 5:49

E |

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

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G | ---7-----7^6-7---7^9^7---5---3^2-5-3-3---5-0-3---2^0^2  
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D | -7-----5^3  
-3^5-3>5--  
A |  
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E |  
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E | -----6-5-3  
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B | -----8^7^6---6^8---8~(10)---8~(10)---x-----6^5^3  
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G | -----2-----5-5^6^7-----7  
-----5^3-2-----  
D | -3-3^5---3-----3^5-3  
-----5-3-  
A | -----3^5  
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E |  
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E | ---6---6---6---6-----6---6-8-8-6-5-6-5-----10-8-10-8-10-8  
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B | ->6---6---6---5---5-----8-----8-6---x-----8---11-10-11  
-11-10-8-11-  
G |  
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D |  
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A |  
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E |  
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E | -----12-13-15---15~(17)-----13-12---15-13  
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B | -10^8-10-11-----10-11-13>15  
-----6>13--  
G | -----10^12---12  
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D |  
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A |

E |

D

G

Em

I used to like to go to work but they shut it down

D

C

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

G C D G D7

yes and they say we re gonna have to pay what s owed

C

Am7

we re gonna have to reap from seed that s been sowed

C

G

Em

and the birds up on the wires and the telegraph poles

D

C

they can always fly away from this rain and this cold

D7

G

you can here them singing out their telegraph code

D C

Em

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 |-----

D

G

Em

You know I d sooner forget but I remember those nights

D

C

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

G C D G D7

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

C Am7  
 now you act a little colder like you don t seem to care  
 C G Em  
 but believe in me baby and I ll take you away  
 D C  
 from out of this darkness and into the day  
 D G D  
 from these rivers of headlights these rivers of rain  
 G/A C D7 G D  
 from the anger that lives on the streets with these names  
 G/A C D7 G G/A  
 cos I ve run every red light on memory lane  
 C D7 G D G/A  
 I ve seen desperation explode into flames  
 C D7 G D  
 and I don t want to see it again. . .

Bm Em  
 From all of these signs saying sorry but we re closed  
 C  
 all the way

At 9:32

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



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

B | ---1^3-----15-----15---15---15---15---15-----18-15  
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G | -2-----14~(16)-(16)-(16)-(16)---14---12^14-14---x  
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D |  
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A |  
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E |  
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E | -13-15-----15-14-----17^15----15^13---13--15^13  
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B | -----15-15-----15-----18-15-----18-----15-----15-----15-  
13^15^13--13-----

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

D |  
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A |  
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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  
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A |  
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E |  
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E | -----10  
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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  
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D | -----12  
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A |  
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E |  
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E | -----15---15^13  
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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 |  
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A |  
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E | -----  
B | -13~(15)-(15)-(15)~13-10---13~(15)-(15)-(15)~13-10----

G | -----

D | -----

A | -----

E | -----

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