

72 This Highways Mean Drive-By Truckers

This song is from the Truckers breakthrough album The Southern Rock Opera.
It was written and sang by Mike Cooley.

Intro **D G D G**

D **G**
Don't know why they even bother putting this highway on the map
D **G**
Everybody that's ever been on it knows exactly where they're at
A
Hell's on both ends of it
G
And nowhere's in between
D G
This highway's mean

D **G**
Seems like it's always hot down here, no matter when you come
D **G**
It's the kind of heat that holds you like a mama holds her son
A **G**
Tight when he tries to walk, even tighter if he runs
A
It's a mean old dusty highway
G **A**
But it's the only one that'll get you there
Bm G
That'll get you there

Bm
Mean old highway
G D Bm
Stuck to the ground in Mississippi
G D
It's the one'll set me free
G
It's the same one that I see
A **G**
Being ripped up off the ground and wrapped around me
A **D**
Don't let it fool you this highway's mean

D **G**

I don't need a map to tell me where I am today

D

G

This feeling that I have has always led the way

A

Down here, you're running from a broken heart

G

D

Or to a heart that you have to break on this mean old highway