

**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**  
Hells on both ends of it  
**G**  
And no where 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