Telegraph Road

Dire Straits

A long time ago come a man on a track
Walkin' thirty miles with a sack on his back
And he put down his load where he thought it was the best
Made a home in the wildernessBuilt a cabin and a winter store

And he ploughed up the ground by the cold lake shore

The other travellers came walking down the track

They never went further, no, they never went backThen came the churches, then came the schools

Then came the lawyers, then came the rules

Then came the trains and the trucks with their load

And the dirty old track was the telegraph roadThen came the mines, and then came the ore

Then there was the hard times, then there was a war

Telegraph sang a song about the world outside

The telegraph road got so deep and so wide like a rolling riverAnd my radio says, tonight it's gonna freeze

People drivin' home from the factories

Six lanes of traffic

Three lanes moving slowUsed to like to go to work but they shut it all down I got a right to go to work, but there's no work here to be found Yeah and they say we're gonna have to pay what's owed

We're gonna have to reap from some seed that's been sowedWhen all the birds up on the wires and the telegraph poles

They can always fly away from this rain and this cold

You can hear them singin' out in telegraph code

All the way down the telegraph roadAnd I'd sooner forget but I remember those nights

Yeah, life was just a bet on a race between the lights

You had your head on my shoulder, had your hand in my hair

Now you act a little colder like you don't seem careBut just believe in me baby, and I'll take you away

From of this darkness and into the day

From these rivers of headlights, these rivers of rainFrom the anger that lives on the streets with these names

'Cause I've run every red light on memory lane

I've seen desperation explode into flames

And I don't wanna see it againFrom all of these signs sayin', 'Sorry but we're closed'

All the way

Down the telegraph road.

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