

A long time ago came a man on a track  
Walking 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 wilderness  
Built 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  
And they never went further, no, they never went back  
Then 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 road

Then 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  
Telegraph road got so deep and so wide  
Like a rolling river ...

And my radio says tonight it's gonna freeze  
People driving (home) from the factories  
There's six lanes of traffic  
Three lanes moving slow ...

I used to like to go to work but they shut it down  
I've got a right to go to work but there's no work here to be found  
Yes and they say we're gonna have to pay what's owed  
We're gonna have to reap from some seed that's been sowed  
And 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 singing out their telegraph code  
All the way down the telegraph road

I'd sooner forget but I remember those nights  
When life was just a bet on the race between the light  
You had your head on my shoulder you had your hand in my hair  
Now you act a little colder like you don't seem to care ...  
But believe in me baby and I'll take you away  
From out of this darkness and into the day  
From these rivers of headlights these river of rain  
From the anger that lives on the streets with these names  
'cos I've run every red light on memory lane  
I've seen desperation explode into flames  
And I don't want to see it again ...

From all of these signs saying 'I'm sorry but we're closed'  
All the way down the telegraph road