

Walk of Life Dire Straits

IMPORTANT NOTE: After the lyrics are tabs for the very important “Knopfler Flick” style.

[Intro]

E A B A B X4

[Verse 1]

E

Here comes Johnny singing oldies, goldies
Be-Bop-A-Lua, Baby What I Say

Here comes Johnny singing I Gotta Woman
down in the tunnels, trying to make it pay

A

Oh yeah, the boy can play

A

Dedication, devotion;

E

He got the action, he got the motion;

E

turning all the night time into the day

[Chorus]

He do the song about the sweet lovin' woman

E

A

He do the song about the knife

E B

A

He do the walk, he do the walk of life

B

E

Yeah, he do the walk of life

[as in the intro]

E A B A B

Woo ho

[Verse 2]

E

Here comes Johnny and he'll tell you the story;
hand me down my walkin' shoes

Here come Johnny with the power and the glory;
backbeat the talkin' blues

A

He got the action, he got the motion;

A

Dedication, devotion;

E

Oh yeah, the boy can play

E

turning all the night time into the day

[Chorus]

E B
He do the song about the sweet lovin' woman
E A
He do the song about the knife
E B A
He do the walk, he do the walk of life
B E
Yeah, he do the walk of life

[as in the intro]

E A B A B
Woo ho

[Verse 1]

E
Here comes Johnny singing oldies, goldies
Be-Bop-A-Lua, Baby What I Say

Here comes Johnny singing I Gotta Woman
down in the tunnels, trying to make it pay

A E
Oh yeah, the boy can play He got the action, he got the motion;
A E
Dedication, devotion; turning all the night time into the day

[Outro]

E B
And after all the violence and double talk
E A
There's just a song in the trouble and the strife
E B A
You do the walk, yeh, you do the walk of life;
B E
you do the walk of life
E A B A B
Woo ho

* Alternate:

Capo II

E = D
A = G
B = A

DO THESE FIRST Practice rhythms ... first note in each quadruplet is picked with thumb, the other three notes are picked by swinging index finger back and forth

A| -2-2-2-2---2-2-2-2---2-2-2-2---2-2-2-2---
 E| -----

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Riff 1: E CHORD

E| -----
 B| -----
 G| -----
 D| -----
 A| -2-2-4-2---2-2-4-2---2-2-4-2---2-2-4-2---
 E| -----

(Variation 1) E

E| -----
 B| -----
 G| -----
 D| -----
 A| -2-2-4-2---2-2-4-2---2-2-x-4p2-2---2-2---
 E| -----

(Variation 2) E

D| -----
 A| -2-2-4-2---2-2-4-2---2-2-x-4p2-2---2---
 E| ----- 4

Riff 2: A

G| -----
 D| -2-2-4-2---2-2-4-2---2-2-x-4p2-2---2-2---
 A| -----
 E| -----

(Variation 3) A

B| -----
 G| -----
 D| -2-2-4-2---2-2-4-2---2-2-x-4p2-2---2---
 A| ----- 4
 E| -----

Riff 3: B

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B|-----
G|-----4-----4-----
D|-----4-----4-----
A|-2--2-2-2--2-2--2-2-2-2-2-2-
E|-----

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Riff 4: A

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G|-----
D|-2-2-x-4p2-2--4-2-
A|-----2-0-----
E|-----4-2-----

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(Variation 5) E

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G|-----
D|-2-2-2-2--2-2-2-2--2-2-2-2--2-2-2-2--
A|-2-2-4-2--2-2-4-2--2-2-4-2--2-2-4-2--
E|-----

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Here comes Johnny...

(Variation 6) E

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B|-----
G|-----
D|-2-2-2-2--2-2-2-2--2-2-x-2--2-2-2-
A|-2-2-4-2--2-2-4-2--2-2-x-4p2-2-2-2-
E|-----

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Down in the tunnels...

(Variation 7) A

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B|-----
G|-----
D|-2-2-4-2--2-2-4-2--2-2-x-4p2-2-2-2-
A|-0-0-0-0--0-0-0-0--0-0-x-0--0-0-0-
E|-----

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He got the action....

Lick:

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E|-----12-----
B|-----
G|-12b14--14r12-12-
D|-----14~-----
A|-----
E|-----

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Refrain:

B

G|-----
 D|-----
 A|-----0-0--2-2-4-2---2-2-4-2-----
 E|4-4-----
 He do the song about the sweet lovin' woman

E

A

G|-----
 D|-----2-2-2-4p2--2-2-2-----
 A|-----0-0-0-0---0-0-0-----
 E|0-0-0-0--2-2-4-4-----
 He do the song about the knife

B

G|-----
 D|-----
 A|-2-2-4-2-5-2-4-2---2-2-2-2--2-2-2-2-----
 E|-----
 He do the walk, he do the walk of...

A

B

E|-----
 B|-----
 G|-----4-4--4-4--4-4--4-4-----
 D|-----4-4--4-4--4-4--4-4-----
 A|-0-0-0-0-----2-2--0-0-----
 E|-----2-2-2-2-----4-4--2-2-----
 life . Yeah, he do the walk of life...