

## 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]

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 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...