

## **Bruce Springsteen**

### **"The Promise II"**

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Johnny works in a factory and billy works downtown  
Terry works in a rock 'n' roll band looking for that  
million-dollar sound  
Me I got a little job down in darlington but some nights I  
don't go  
Some nights I go to the drive-in and some night I stay  
home

You see I followed that dream just like those guys do  
way up on the screen  
With a built-up challenger down route 9  
Through the dead ends and all the bad scenes  
And when the promise was broken I cashed in a few of  
my old dreams

You see I built that challenger by myself  
But I needed money and so I sold it  
And I lived a secret I should have kept to myself  
But I got drunk one night and I told it  
All my life I fought that fight  
The one that I can't ever win  
And everyday it just gets harder to live  
The dreams I'm believing in  
Thunder road  
Oh baby you were so right  
Thunder road  
There's something dying on the highway tonight

Well now my daddy taught me how to walk quiet  
And how to make my peace with the past  
And I learned real good to tighten up inside

And I don't say nothin' unless I'm asked

When the promise is broken you go on livin'  
But it takes something from down in your soul  
Like when the truth is spoken  
And it don't make no difference  
Something in your heart turns cold

You see I followed that dream, me and some guys  
Through the dead ends and all the two-bit bars

When the promise was broken  
I was drunk and far away from home  
Sleeping with a stranger in the back seat of a borrowed  
car  
Thunder road  
And when it washes away with the rain  
Thunder road  
You learn to walk among the remains  
Thunder road  
I remember when me and terry we'd always say  
Thunder road  
We were gonna take it all  
And throw it all  
Away

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