

# The Promise

Bruce Springsteen

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 don't do nothing much,  
I spend a lot of time alone  
Some nights I go to the drive-in,  
And some night I stay home  
I followed that dream  
Just like those guys do way up on the screen  
Drove a chopped 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 dream

Well, I built that challenger by myself  
But I needed money and so I sold it  
I lived a secret I should've kept to myself  
But I got drunk one night and I told it  
All my life I fought that fight  
The one that no man can never win  
And every day it just gets harder  
To live the dream I'm believing in

Thunder road ...  
I stay up every morning until it turns light  
Thunder road ...  
There's something dying out on the highway tonight

Well now I won big once and I hit the coast,  
Oh but somehow I paid the big cost  
Inside I felt like I was carrying  
The broken spirits of all the other ones who lost  
When the promise is broken you go on living  
But man it takes something from down in your soul  
Like when the truth is spoken, it don't make no  
Difference  
Finally something in your heart turns cold  
Yeah I followed that dream, me and some guys in the dead ends and all the  
Two-bit bars  
The night 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 ...  
Here's one for the lost lovers and all the fixed games  
Thunder road ...  
Here's one for the tires rushing by in the rain  
Thunder road ...  
I remember when me and billy, we'd always say  
Thunder road ...  
We were gonna take it all, and throw it all away