

The Way It Always Starts

Mark Knopfler

It gets so dark before the dawn
That's when it gets to me
Before the city symphony of taxi horns
That's the way it always starts,
Sitting here and waiting on the beating of my heart.

Last night I thought I heard my name
Well it was too dark to see, but it had to be,
The voice was just the same
That's the way it always starts,
Sitting here and waiting on the beating of my heart.

So tell me why should it have to be this way
Why can't it be all right,
Why can't I sleep at night?
Why should it have to be this way?
Why must there be this price to pay?

Now all the streets are dark and bare,
Oh, if you can live in this town,
And stick around, you can live anywhere
That's the way it always starts,
Sitting here and waiting on the beating of my heart.