



# Across the Borderline

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Drop D

Ry Cooder [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhmeMkwwZfo&list=RDjhmeMkwwZfo&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhmeMkwwZfo&list=RDjhmeMkwwZfo&start_radio=1)

## Intro

|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----| -D-----|-----|-----|  
|-----5-7---8-5/| -7-----5-----|-----5-7---8-5/| -7-----5/7-----|-----2-3---5-| -3-----3---|-----|-----|  
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----| -2---2---|-----|-----|  
|-----5-7---9-5/| -7---7-5---|-----5-7---9-5/| -7---7-5/7---|-----2-4---5-| -4-----4---|-----|-----|  
|-----0-----|-----0-----|-----0-----|-----0-----|-----0-----|-----0-----|-----0-----|  
| -D-----| -0---| -0---| -0---| -0---| -0---| -0---| -0---|

## Verse

|-----| -5-----2---| -G-----| -A-G-D-----| -D-----|-----|-----|-----|  
| -3-----| -5-8---3---| -0-3---3---3-| -0-0-----5-| -3-----| -3---5-7---| -5-----8-7-| -5-----8---7-|  
| -2-----| -6-6---2---| -0-4---4---4-| -6-4-2---6-| -2-----| -4---6-7-7-| -6---1-----| -6-----|  
|-----| -7-7---|-----| -7-5-4---7-| -0-----| -4---7-7-7-| -7---6/7-9-7-| -7---6/7-9---7-|  
|-----| -0---D---|-----| -0-0-----|-----| -2---9-| -0---| -0---|  
| -0---| -A-A7--0---| -5-----| -0-0---A-| -0---| -Bm-A-D-D-| -A-----G-D-| -A-----|

1. There's a place where I've been told every street is paved with gold And it's just a-cross the border-line
2. Up and down the Rio Grande A thousand footprints in the sand Revealing a secret no one can de- -fine

|---2-5-5---| -A---A7-D--A-| -2-2-0-2---| -G---Em-0---| -D-----2---|-----| -D-----|-----2-5---|  
| -3-3-3-3---| -5---8---7-5-| -3-3-3-3-3-|-----0---0-0-| -3-----3---| -7-5---0-0-|-----7-5-3\2-| -3---3-3-3---|  
| -2-----| -6---7-7-6-| -2-----2-| -0-0---0---0-| -2---2---| -6-6---4-6-| -7-----|-----2-2-2---|  
| -4-----| -7---9-7-7-| -4-----| -0-0---2---|-----0---| -7---5-7-| -7---7-5-4\2-| -4---4---4---|  
| -D-----| -0---0-| -D-----|-----|-----0-| -0---0---|-----|-----|  
| -0-----|-----0---| -0-----| -5---2---| -0---| -A---G-A-| -0---| -0---0---|

1. And when it's time to take your turn here's a lesson that you must learn You could lose more than you'll ever hope to find When you
2. The river flows on like a breath in between our life and death Tell me who's the next to cross the borderline To Solo

## Chorus

| -G---A---| -D-----A---| -G-----| -D-----| -D-----| -2---0-2---| -A-----G---| -A---D-5-|  
| -3---3-2-0-| -3-----7-5-| -3-3-3---| -7-7-7-7-7-7-| -3---3-5-5/7-3-| -3---3-3-3-| -5-----8-8-| -5---7-7-|  
| -4---4-2-2-| -2-----7-6-| -4-4-4-6-4-|-----| -4-----4-| -6-----7-7-| -6---7-7-|  
| -0---2---| -4---0---7-7-| -5-----7-5-| -7-7-7-7-7-7-| -4---4-5-5/7-4-| -4-----4-| -7---6/7-9-| -7---7-0-|  
|-----0---|-----0-0-|-----0-|-----2---| -0---0---| -0---| -0---|  
| -5-5---| -0-----| -5-----| -0-----| -0---| -Bm-----|-----|-----|

reach the bro-ken promised land and every dream slips through your hands Then you'll know that it's too late to change your mind Cause you've



| -10---10-9--- | -5-----0- | -G---A-Go7- | ----- | -D----- | -A----- | -D----- |  
| -8---8-10-12- | -7-7---3--- | -3-3-3-5-8--- | -7---3--- | -3---7- | -5---7-5- | -3---7/8-5-2- |  
| -7---9-9- | -7-7--7--- | -4-4-4-6-6--- | -7-7--4--- | -2---7- | -6---6-6- | ----- |  
| -9---11--- | -----0--- | -5---7-8--- | -7-7--4--- | -----7- | -7---7-7-7- | -4---8/9-5-2- |  
| -----0--- | ----- | -----0-7--- | -D---2--- | ----- | -0---0--- | ----- |  
| -G-----A--- | -0---0--- | -5----- | -0---Bm--- | -0--- | ----- | -0--- |  
paid the price to            come so far            just to wind up where you are And you're still just a- -cross the border- -line

| -D----- |  
| -3----- |  
| ----- |  
| -4-----0h2p0--- |  
| -----0h2-----2p0--- |  
| -0---4--- |

## Verse 2

### Inst over Verse - Cooder Solo (Slide)

| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |  
| ----- | -5--7-7-- | --7--- | ----- | -----5-7-- | -/12--10--- | ----- | -----10-10-10-10- |  
| -7-- -- | -----7--7- | -6\4--4-2-- | --7--- | -----9/11- | -9-- --7-4-7- | -6-- |  
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- |  
| -D----- | -A---D--- | ----- | -D-----D--- | ----- | -Bm--- | -A--- | ----- |

| ----- | -----9/10-- -- | --9h10-9/10-9--- | -----9--10- | ----- | ----- | --- |  
| -7-- -- | -10-10----- -- | -----10/ | -12-- -- | -10-----10-10- | -----10----- | --- |  
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | -----11-- -- | -9-- --9/11-9- | -7- |  
| ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | ----- | --- |  
| -D----- | ----- | ----- | -G----- | -D----- | -A----- | -D- |

## Verse 3

En la triste oscuridad (In the sad darkness)

Hoy tenemos que cruzar (Today we have to cross)

Este río que nos llama mas alla (This river that calls us beyond)

[Willie and others play a short V3, below]

D                    A                    D

But hope remains when pride is gone

D                    G                    Em D                    A                    D

And it keeps you moving on    Calling you a-cross the border-line

## Chorus

## Outro = Intro

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Willie Nelson: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntiskK8va1M&list=RDntiskK8va1M&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ntiskK8va1M&list=RDntiskK8va1M&start_radio=1)

Anderson and Davis: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ji2RIXWywrY&list=RDjhmeMkwwZfo&index=2>