Drive By Truckers, 72 (This Highway's Mean)

Don't know why they even bother putting this highway on the map Everybody that's ever been on it knows exactly where they're at Hells on both ends of it And no where's in between This highway's mean

Seems like it's always hot down here, no matter when you come It's the kind of heat that holds you like a mama holds her son Tight when he tries to walk, even tighter if he runs It's a mean old dusty highway But it's the only one that'll get you there That'll get you there

Mean old highway Stuck to the ground in Mississippi It's the one'll set me free It's the same one that I see Being ripped up off the ground and wrapped around me Don't let it fool you this highway's mean

I don't need a map to tell me where I am today This feeling that I have has always led the way Down here, you're running from a broken heart Or to a heart that you have to break on this mean old highway