

AC/DC: “Highway to Hell” (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l482T0yNkeo>)

“[Highway to Hell](#)” was released in 1979 by the hard rock/[heavy metal](#) band from Australia, AC/DC. It is the lead song of the group’s sixth studio album, with of the same name. The album was recorded in the Roundhouse Recording Studios in north London, in the spring of that year. According to the band’s lead guitarist, [Angus Young](#), who often dresses like an English schoolboy with a [cap and shorts](#), the song describes life on the road and, “When you’re sleeping with the singer’s socks two inches from your nose, that’s pretty close to hell”. The album became AC/DC’s first LP [long playing record] to break the top 100 of the US Billboard 200 charts.

The name AC/DC is sometimes believed to mean “Anti-Christ/Devil’s Child”. But it is more a reference to two types of electricity: alternating current/direct current, reflecting the band’s electric energy. In the 1970s, “AC-DC” was also widely used to refer to people who were bisexual.

In today’s more complex and difficult world, the song expresses the easier, joyful and rebellious life that Western “boomers” could lead in the 1970s.

<p>Livin' easy Lovin' free Season ticket on a one way ride Askin' nothin' Leave me be Takin' everythin' in my stride Don't need reason Don't need rhyme Ain't nothin' that I'd rather do Goin' down Party time My friends are gonna be there too I'm on the highway to hell On the highway to hell Highway to hell I'm on the highway to hell No stop signs Speed limit Nobody's gonna slow me down Like a wheel Gonna spin it Nobody's gonna mess me around Hey satan Payin' my dues Playin' in a rockin' band Hey Mumma Look at me I'm on the way to the promised land I'm on the highway to hell Highway to hell I'm on the highway to hell Highway to hell Don't stop me I'm on the highway to hell On the highway to hell Highway to hell... And I'm goin' down All the way I'm on the highway to hell</p>	<p>Livin' easy = living easy. Often the “g” on “ing” is dropped in spoken English: for example “gonna” instead of “going to” (see below). This is very informal and should not be used in written English. Season ticket = a monthly or annual ticket to use public transport Takin' everythin' in my stride = “to take something in one’s stride” means to deal with something easily.</p> <p>No “STOP” signs on the road</p> <p>Spin = to turn quickly</p> <p>Payin' my dues = to pay something one owns/ to pay a debt</p> <p>promised land: land promised to Abraham and his descendants in the book of Genesis: a place or situation of expected happiness.</p>
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