

Speak to These Bones

(Time Signature, Tempo: 4/4 @ 100bpm = 25mpm; Ezekiel 37:1–14)
Slashes in lyrics indicate two-beat boundaries; “_” indicates a rest

M1, 0:00: Intro

M11, 0:24: Verse 1:

/ Comin' back from a / long, hard drive,
/ takin' the herd to / sell
For the / folks back east who've / never seen
a / cow or smelled its / smell.
I / said goodbye to the / other hands,
and got / paid by the trail / boss;
I was / almost home, there was / just Death Valley
/ left _that I / had to / cross. ///

M21, 0:48: Verse 2:

/ Ridin' along, it was / plain to see where that
/ valley got its / name,
The / terrible heat that could / take your life
was the / valley's claim to / fame.
You could / see the bones of / coyotes, cattle,
and / horses, to name a / few,
But the / most unnerving / thing you see is that
/ _there's human / bones there / too. ///

(key change)

M31, 1:12: Verse 3:

/ Halfway across, and I'm / takin' a break,
just / lookin' at the people's / bones,
They were / scattered on the ground, under- / neath every bush,
and / piled up against the / stones.
That / scorchin' sun done / dried 'em out,
if they'd / been there more 'n a / week,
Then I / heard the voice of the / Living God
/ _ as He be- / gan to / speak. ///

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M45, 1:45: Chorus 1:

He said, / “Son, I’ve got a / question for you:
Can / these bones live again?”
I said, / “Lord, You know much / better than I;
they’ve been / here since who knows / when.”
He said, / “Speak to the bones and / prophesy,
/ ‘Hear the word of the / Lord,’”
/ Then he told me / what to say,
as the / words / _from His lips out- / poured. ///

He said, / “This is what the / Lord God says:
‘I’ll / make your breath re- / turn,
I’ll / give you tendons, / muscles too,
and / cover them with / skin.’”
And / as the words came / from His mouth,
my / heart began to / burn,
I / prophesied as / I was told,
with the / words / _from deep with- / in. ///

(2M interlude)

M67, 2:38: Verse 4:

And / as I spoke, I / heard a noise
and / then a rattlin’ / sound,
Because / every bone, by an / unseen hand,
was / movin’ across the / ground,
I / watched as every / one of them bones
con- / nected to its bony / mate,
A / skeletal bal- / let they did,
/ _as God would / orche- / strate. ///

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M77, 3:02: Verse 5:

And / as I watched, the / tendons formed,
and / muscles grew in / place,
Then / skin appeared, and / every skull
be- / came a human / face.
Then / silence fell, and / nothing moved,
and / as I held my / breath,
I / knew God wasn't / finished with
that / scene, / _as still as / death. ///

(2M interlude)

M89, 3:31: Chorus 2:

And / sure enough, I / heard the voice
of / God down in my / heart,
He / said, "Now prophe- / sy, my son,
to the / winds that will im- / part
New / life into these / many slain;
now / speak unto the / winds.
And / they will breathe in- / to their lungs
and / then, / _new life be- / gins." ///

So I / did as He com- / manded me,
/ and I prophe- / sied,
For the / four winds to bring / forth the breath
for these / bodies that had / died.
And that's / just what happened: the / breath came in
and their / lives were re- / stored—
They / stood to their feet, a / mighty host:
/ _The Army / of the / Lord! ///

(key change; 2M Interlude)

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M111, 4:24: Chorus 3:

The / Lord spoke once a- / gain to me:
 “These / are my people’s / bones;
They / say, ‘We’re dry; lost / hope and
 Every- / thing we called our / own.’
Now, / son of man, / this here is what
 I’m / wantin’ you to / do:
/ Prophecy and / speak to them,
 ‘Here’s / what _God / says to / you: ///

(key change)

“I’ll / open up the / graves you’re in,
 and / bring you up from / them.
I’ll / put My Spirit / into you,
 and / you will live a- / gain.
I’ll / bring you to your / Promised Land
 I / gave you long a- / go,
Then / what I’ve spoken, / I’ll have done,
 and / that, / _you’ll surely / know!”” ///

M131, 5:12: Ending

I’ll / bring you to your / Promised Land
 I / gave you long a- / go,
Then / what I’ve spoken, / I’ll have done,
 and / that, / _you’ll surely / know!”” ///