

I APOLOGIZE

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Funk shuffle ♩ = 76 (♩ = ♩³)

Dm7 C/E F6 F/G Am9 C7 Fmaj13 E7(#5)

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Verse:

Dm7

Dm7/G

G

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1. Op - er - a - tor, get my ba - by on the line. Now

*Recorded Key: B major

**Vocal sung one octave lower than written.

G/A

Am

G/A

Am

just the oth - er night we had a hor - ri - ble fight. I ad -

Dm7

F

G

mit that I, I was out of con - trol, oh but I

G/A

Am7

G/B

C

Fmaj7

still love my man with my bod - y and soul. Well, the road gets rough, you say

E7(^{b9}/_{#5})E7(^{#5})

Dm7

Dm7/G

things you should not say. I nev - er meant to treat my ba - by that way. I a-pol-o-gize,

Chorus:

Am9

C9

Fmaj7

E7(^{#5})

Am9

C13

woh, be - lieve me I do. I a-pol-o-gize hon -

Fmaj7 E7(^{b9}/₅) Am9 C13

- est__ and true.____ Be-cause I know I was wrong____ and so I__

Fmaj7 Em7 1. Dm7 C/E

__ sing you this song.____ And I'm try'n to get__ through__ and

Dm7/G E7(^{b9}/₅) 2. Dm7 C/E

make it up__ to you,____ yeah.____ gon - na get__ through to you____ and I'll

Fmaj7/G G/A 3 Bridge: Cm7/Bb

make it up__ to you.____ I a - pol - o - gize, for I was un -

B $\flat$ /CCm7/B $\flat$

kind _____ and I wish that I _____ could_ roll back in time, _

B $\flat$ /CE $\flat$ m7/D $\flat$

_____ e - rase the good - bye _____ and_ re - write_ my lines._

G $\flat$ maj9Cm7/B $\flat$

F/G

E7(#5)

3

_____ But come rain or come shine, _____ I'm gon-na do right_ this time. I a-pol-o-

Am9

C7

Fmaj7

E7(#5)

gize, _____ woh, be - lieve me, _ I do. _ I a - pol - o - gize_

Am9 C13 Fmaj7 E7($\flat 9$)

hon - est and true. Be - cause I

Am9 C13 Fmaj7 Em7

know I was wrong, and so I sing you this song. And I'm

Dm7 C/E F/G E7($\sharp 5$)

try'n to get through and make it up to you. I a - pol - o -

Repeat ad lib. and fade

Verse 2:

Operator, it was like a bad dream.
 And Lord, you should have heard the way he shouted
 And the way that I screamed.
 Oh, I regret it 'cause I was unfair.
 I took it all out on him
 Just because he was there.
 When the road gets rough
 You say things you should not say.
 I never meant to treat my baby that way. (To Chorus:)