

# Back to Tupelo

Mark Knopfler

**Bm**

Around the time of 'clambake'  
Movie number twenty-five  
You and the lying Dutchman  
Are still in overdrive  
You're as strong as when you started  
Mississippi in your soul  
You can still be Marlon Brando

**A**

**Bm**

And the king of rock and roll

**Bm**

It isn't just the records  
No, you must have Hollywood  
The songs alone are not enough  
That much is understood  
You'll soon be back in Memphis  
Maybe then you'll know what to do  
The storylines they're giving you

**A**

**Bm**

Are just not ringing true

**G G6 A D**

Oh, it's a ways to go

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Oh, it's a ways to go

**G G6 A**

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**G G6 A D Bm G G6 A D Bm G G6 A**

**Bm**

When you're young and beautiful  
Your dreams are all ideals  
Later on it's not the same  
Lord, everything is real  
Sixteen hundred miles of highway  
Roll back to the truth  
And a song to give your mother

**A Bm**

In your first recording booth

**Bm**

Around the time of 'clambake'  
That old dream's still rolling on  
Sometimes there'll be the feeling  
Things are going wrong  
The morning star is fading  
Lord, the Mississippi's cold  
You can still be Marlon Brando

**A**

**Bm**

And the king of rock and roll

**G G6 A D**

But, it's a ways to go

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**G G6 A D**

Oh, it's a ways to go

**G G6 A**

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