

MUSIC

Cape Breton's Diversity in Unity

Two Roads

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1. Two roads we go, there's no one else around
Two roads we travel, til happiness we find.
And when we find it, we try with all our heart
To make the most of everything
Two roads we try to win the game.

Spoken Verse 1:

Each one of us travel on two roads,
Sometimes they are good sometimes they are bad.
But whatever road we eventually take
we are the ones who decide.
Sometimes obstacles fall along the way
we try to avoid them.
Sometimes weaknesses take a stranglehold, we work harder.

2. Two roads we go, there's no one else around
Two roads we travel, the most we look to find.
And sometimes nowhere, the answer we don't find.
It hurts to lose on everything
Two roads not always there to win.

Spoken Verse 2:

So the road which determines our value
is usually the one with the briar patch,
the hard road proving to ourselves we have
what it takes to be a success.

3. Two roads we go, there's no one else around
Two roads we travel, the good and sometimes wrong.
And if we find it, we try with all our heart

Give happiness to others
Two roads we tried, we won the game.

Recording:

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