

RIGHT OF WAY

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Inspired by "Yesterday" from the Beatles

WAY SONG

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In the right of way industry, we often have to deal with a lot of stressful and difficult challenges. Add to that a pandemic and the craziness in which we have all lived these past couple of years, it's good for us to find some refuge and relief in a little bit of humor. It's even better when we can sing it out loud to a familiar tune. This song was written in hopes that it will make you smile, laugh and sing.

Right of way, infrastructure needs a place to lay,
A long pipeline or new highway,
Oh, I believe in right of way.

Suddenly, I'm not half the agent I used to be,
And there's a project hanging over me,
My migraines came so suddenly.

Right away, I must have easements without delay,
But they were needed by yesterday,
I just can't waste another day.

Why they all said "No!" I don't know, they wouldn't say,
I said something wrong, now I long for right of way.

Right of way, it's not an easy game to play,
Now my shame is on display,
No, I'm no good at right of way.

Honestly, I've yet to use my notary,
For a signature I've yet to see,
Right of way is not for me.

Right of way, easements haven't even been surveyed,
Then they'll still need to be appraised,
This won't get done by yesterday.

Why I'm so darn slow I don't know, I couldn't say,
I golf all day long, I'm so wrong for right of way.

Right of way, how much can I bill for today?
I'm going to miss how much it pays,
I need to find a new place to stay.

Finally, things are catching up to me,
Now no project will there be,
The client blames no one but me.

Right of way, I have to see my angry boss today,
He's going to send me on my way,
But I still believe in right of way.

Mmm, mmm, mmm, mmm, right of way.



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