

# WHAT IT IS

(Mark Knopfler)

From the album: Sailing to Philadelphia (2000)

## Intro:

|F#m . . A |D . E . |F#m . . . |D . E . | X 4

## Verse:

|F#m |A  
The drinking dens are spilling out and staggering in the square  
|D |A |E  
There`s lads and lasses falling about and a crackling in the air  
|F#m |A  
Down around the dungeon doors, the shelters and the queues  
|D |A |E  
Everybody`s looking for somebody`s arms to fall into this  
|F#m |D E |D |A E  
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## Verse 2:

There`s |frost on the graves and the monuments but the |taverns are  
warm in town  
|People curse the government and |shovel hot food down  
The |lights are out in city hall ,the |castle and the keep  
The |moon shines down upon it all the |legless and asleep

## Pre-Chorus:

|D |A  
Cold on the tollgate where the wagons creeping through  
|D |A |E  
Cold on the tollgate God knows what I can do with you  
|F#m |D E |D |A E

## Verse 3:

The |garrison sleeps in the citadel with the |ghosts and the ancient  
stones  
|High on the parapet the |scottish pipers stands alone  
|High on the wind the highland |drums begin to roll  
|And something from the past just comes and |stares into my soul

## Pre-Chorus:

|D |A  
Cold on the tollgate where the Caledonian blues  
|D |A |E  
Cold on the tollgate god knows what I can do with you

|F#m |D E |D |A E | x 2  
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|F#m |D E |D |A E | x 4  
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