

# Message in a Bottle

**The Police**  
Reggatta de Blanc (1979)  
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**Drum Key**

- loose  $\phi$  Splash
- open  $\circ$  Crash R
- Hi-Hat  $\times$  Crash L
- Tom 1/2  $\bullet$  Ride/bell
- Snare  $\bullet$  X-Stick
- Fl. Tom  $\bullet$
- Bass  $\bullet$

*Note: overdubbed parts ie. the ride cymbal in the verses not notated. Octoban toms notated as regular toms.*

## Up-Beat Rock ♩ = 150

### Intro

*mf* *f*

### Verse

'Just a castaway'

4

### Pre-Chorus

*loosen*

0:32

'I'll send ...'

### Ride

25

28

3

### Chorus

0:47

*mf* '... message ...'

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Verse

39

1:00

'A year ...'

43

47

51

Pre-Chorus

55

1:26

**f** 'I'll send ...'

59

*Ride*

62

Double Chorus

65

1:42

**mf** '... message ...'

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73

77

80

Verse

83

2:10

**f** 'Walked out ...'

87

91

95

Pre-Chorus

99

2:36

*relaxed*

'I'll send ...'

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Ride

103

106

Double closed Chorus

109

2:51

*mf* '... message ...'

113

117

121

Link

125

3:17

129

Outro

133

3:30

'Sending out ...'

137

141

*Ride*

145

149

153

157

161

[fade out]

165

4:21

169

vamp and fade