# Hotel California

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**INTRO: / 1 2 3 4 /**

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[Am] There she stood in the doorway [E7] I heard the mission bell

[G] And I was thinking [G] to myself this could be [D] Heaven or this could be Hell

[F] Then she lit up a candle [C] and she showed me the way

[Dm] There were voices down the corridor

[E7] I thought I heard them say

[F] Welcome to the Hotel Cali-[C]fornia [C]

Such a [E7] lovely place **(such a lovely place)**

Such a [Am] lovely face [Am]

[F] Plenty of room at the Hotel Cali-[C]fornia [C]

Any [Dm] time of year **(any time of year)**

You can [E7] find it here [E7]

[Am] Her mind is Tiffany-twisted [E7] she’s got the Mercedes bends

[G] She got a lot of pretty, pretty boys [D] she calls friends

[F] How they dance in the courtyard [C] sweet summer sweat

[Dm] Some dance to remember [E7] some dance to forget

[Am] So I called up the Captain [E7] “Please bring me my wine”

He said [G] “We haven't had that spirit here since [D] 1969”

[F] And still those voices are calling from [C] far away

[Dm] Wake you up in the middle of the night

[E7] Just to hear them say-ay

[F] Welcome to the Hotel Cali-[C]fornia [C]

Such a [E7] lovely place **(such a lovely place)**

Such a [Am] lovely face [Am]

They're [F] livin' it up at the Hotel Cali-[C]fornia [C]

What a [Dm] nice surprise **(what a nice surprise)**

Bring your [E7] **↓** alibis / 1 2 3 4 /

[Am] **↓** Mirrors on the **↓** ceiling **↓**

[E7] **↓** Thepink champagne on **↓** ice, and **↓** she said

[G] **↓** “We are all just **↓** prisoners **↓** here

[D] **↓** Of our own de-**↓**vice”

[F] **↓** And in the master's **↓** chambers **↓**

[C] **↓** They gathered for their **↓** feast

[Dm] **↓** They stab it with their **↓** steely **↓** knives

But they [E7] **↓** just can't **↓** kill the **↓** beast

[Am] The last thing I remember, I was [E7] running for the door

[G] I had to find the passage back to the [D] place I was before

[F] “Relax” said the nightman, “We are [C] programmed to receive

[Dm] You can check out any time you like [E7] but you can never [E7] **↓** leave!”

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