

Hotel California

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Bm *Bm* *F#* *F#*
 On a dark desert highway, cool wind in my hair
A *A* *E* *E*
 Warm smell of co litas rising up through the air
G *G* *D* *D*
 Up ahead in the distance, I saw a shimmering light
Em *Em* *F#* *F#*
 My head grew heavy and my sight grew dim. I had to stop for the night.

Bm *Bm* *F#* *F#*
 There she stood in the doorway; I heard the mission bell
A *A* *E* *E*
 And I was thinking to myself this could be heaven or this could be hell
G *G* *D* *D*
 Then she lit up a candle, and she showed me the way
Em *Em* *F#* *F#*
 There were voices down the corridor, I thought I heard them say

G *G* *D* *D* *Major thirds*
 Welcome to the Hotel California.
F# *F#* *Bm* *Bm7* *Walkup from B*
 Such a lovely place (such a lovely place), such a lovely face
G *G* *D* *D*
 Plenty of room at the Hotel California
Em *Em* *F#* *F#*
 Any time of year (any time of year) you can find it here

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 (1)Plenty of room at the Hotel California
 (2)They livin' it up at the Hotel California
 (1)Any time of year (any time of year) you can find it here
 (2)What a nice surprise (what a nice surprise) bring your alibis

Her mind is Tiffany twisted, she got the Mercedes bends
 She got a lot of pretty, pretty boys that she calls friends
 How they dance in the courtyard, sweet summer sweat
 Some dance to remember, some dance to forget

So I called up the captain; "Please bring me my wine."

"We haven't had that spirit here since nineteen sixty-nine"
 And still those voices are calling from far away
 Wake you up in the middle of the night, just to hear them say

Mirrors on the ceiling, the pink champagne on ice
 And she said "We are all just prisoners here, of our own device"
 And in the master's chambers, they gathered for the feast
 They stab it with their steely knives, but they just can't kill the
 beast

Last thing I remember, I was running for the door
 I had to find the passage back to the place I was before
 "Relax" said the nightman, "We are programmed to receive"
 "You can check out anytime you like, but you can never leave"