

Hotel California

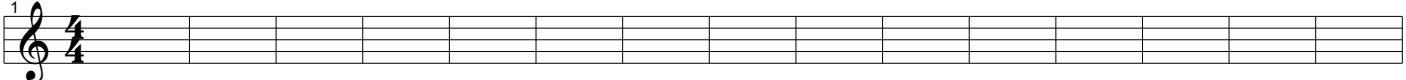
The Eagles
Hotel California

Words & Music by Don Henley, Glenn Frey & Don Felder

♩ = 74

Intro

Vocals



Verse 1


Vocals

16 On a dark desert highway cool wind in my hair, warm smell of colitas




Vocals

20 rising up through the air. Up ahead in the distance I saw a shimmering light,




Vocals

23 my head grew heavy and my sight grew dim I had to stop for the night. There she stood in the doorway




Vocals

26 I heard the mission bell, and I was thinking to myself this could be heaven or this could be hell.



Vocals

29 Then she lift up a candle and she showed me the way, there were voices down the corridor



Chorus 1


Vocals

32 I thought I heard them say "Welcome to the Hotel Califor- -nia." Such a



Vocals

35 lovely place, (such a lovely place), such a lovely face. Plenty of room at the Hotel Califor-



Verse 2

Vocals 38 -nia. Any time of year, (any time of year), you can find it here. Her mind is Tiffany-twisted

Vocals 42 she got the Mercedes-Benz, uh she got alotta pretty, pretty boys that she calls friends.

Vocals 45 How they dance in the courtyard sweet summer sweat, some dance to remember some dance to forget.

Vocals 49 So I called up the captain please bring me my wine, he said "We haven't had that spirit here since

Vocals 52 nineteen-sixty nine." And still those voices are calling from far away,

Chorus 2

Vocals 55 wake you up in the middle of the night just to hear them say, hey. "Welcome to the Hotel Califor-

Vocals 58 -nia." Such a lovely place, (such a lovely place), such a lovely face. They're

Vocals 61 livin' it up at the Hotel Califor- -nia. What a nice surprise, (what a nice surprise), bring your alibis.

Verse 3

Vocals 65 Mirrors on the ceiling the pink champagne on ice, and she said we are all just prisoners here

Vocals 68 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

Vocals 71

running for the door,

I had to find the passage back to the

place I was before.

Vocals 74

"Relax", said the night man, "We are

programmed to recede,

you can check out any time you like

Vocals 77

Solo

but you can never leave."

Vocals 80

Outro Solo

Vocals 92

Vocals 108