

California

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Sitting in a park in Paris, France
Reading the news and it sure looks bad
They won't give peace a chance
That was just a dream some of us had Still a lot of lands to see
But I wouldn't want to stay here
It's too old and cold
And settled in its ways here Oh, but California, California, I'm coming home
I'm going to see the folks I dig
I'll even kiss a sunset pig
California, I'm coming home Met a redneck on a Grecian isle
Who did the goat dance very well
He gave me back my smile
But he kept my camera to sell Oh the rogue, the red red rogue
He cooked good omelettes and stews
And I might have stayed on with him there
But my heart cried out for you, California Oh California, I'm coming home
Oh, make me feel good Rock 'n' Roll band
I'm your biggest fan
California, I'm coming home Oh, it gets so lonely when you're walking
And the streets are full of strangers
All the news of home you read
Just give you the blues, just give you the blues So I bought me a ticket, I caught a plane to Spain
Went to a party down a red dirt road
There were lots of pretty people there
Reading rolling stone, reading Vogue They said, "How long can you hang around?"
I said, "A week, maybe two
Just until my skin turns brown
Then I'm going home, to California" California, I'm coming home
Oh, will you take me as I am?
Strung out on another man
California, I'm coming home Oh, it gets so lonely when you're walking
And the streets are full of strangers
All the news of home you read
More about the war and the bloody changes Oh, will you take me as I am?
Will you take me as I am? Will you?
Will you take me as I am?
Take me as I am

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