

California Shake

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CALIFORNIA SHAKE Words and Music by Margo Guryan and Richard Bennett Melon-rising California sun

Drifting in a day not yet begun
Six o'clock and peaceful and serene
Floating in a Technicolor scene Something nearly peaceful in the sound
Rising from the San Andreas ground
Overground, it starts to feel strange
Underground, it starts to rearrange You'd better get up
And run for a doorway No time for thinking
Your life is at stake
Everyone's doing the California Shake
California Shake Nonbelieving, everybody waits
Shifting on the continental plates
Thunder far below the ocean floor
Damned impartial sub-terrestrial war Wond'ring if you're going to survive
God, it feels like eight point four or five
Fifteen seconds holding your breath
Living through a microscopic death You'd better hold on
The worst isn't over No time for thinking
Your life is at stake
Everyone's doing the California Shake
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