

California Shake

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CALIFORNIA SHAKEWords and Music by Margo Guryan and Richard BennettMelon-rising California sun

Drifting in a day not yet begun

Six o'clock and peaceful and serene

Floating in a Technicolor sceneSomething nearly peaceful in the sound

Rising from the San Andreas ground

Overground, it starts to feel strange

Underground, it starts to rearrangeYou'd better get up

And run for a doorwayNo time for thinking

Your life is at stake

Everyone's doing the California Shake

California ShakeNonbelieving, everybody waits

Shifting on the continental plates

Thunder far below the ocean floor

Damned impartial sub-terrestrial warWond'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 deathYou'd better hold on

The worst isn't overNo time for thinking

Your life is at stake

Everyone's doing the California Shake

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