

# Hotel California

## Verse 1

**Am**

**E**

On a dark desert highway, cool wind in my hair

**G**

**D**

Warm smell of colitas rising up through the air

**F**

**C**

Up ahead in the distance, I saw a shimmering light

**Dm**

My head grew heavy and my sight grew dim

**E**

I had to stop for the night

**Am**

**E**

There she stood in the doorway; I heard the mission bell

**G**

And I was thinking to myself

**D**

This could be heaven or this could be hell

**F**

**C**

Then she lit up a candle, and she showed me the way

**Dm**

There were voices down the corridor,

**E**

I thought I heard them say...

## Chorus

**F**

**C**

Welcome to the Hotel California.

**E**

**Am**

Such a lovely place, (such a lovely place), such a lovely  
face

**F**

**C**

Plenty of room at the Hotel California

**Dm**

**E**

Any time of year, (any time of year) You can find it here

## Verse 2

**Am** **E**  
Her mind is Tiffany-twisted, She got the Mercedes bends  
**G** **D**  
She got a lot of pretty pretty boys she calls friends  
**F** **C**  
How they danced in the courtyard, sweet summer sweat  
**Dm** **E**  
Some dance to remember, some dance to forget

**Am** **E**  
So I called up the captain; Please bring me my wine (he  
said)  
**G** **D**  
We haven't had that spirit here since 1969  
**F** **C**  
and still those voices are calling from far away  
**Dm**  
Wake you up in the middle of the night  
**E**  
Just to hear them say...

## Chorus

**F** **C**  
Welcome to the Hotel California.  
**E** **Am**  
Such a lovely place, (such a lovely place), such a lovely  
face  
**F** **C**  
They're livin' it up at the Hotel California  
**Dm** **E**  
What a nice surprise, (what a nice surprise) Bring your  
alibis

### Verse 3

**Am**

**E**

Mirrors on the ceiling; the pink champagne on ice (and she said)

**G**

**D**

We are all just prisoners here, of our own device

**F**

**C**

and in the master's chambers, they gathered for the feast

**Dm**

They stab it with their steely knives but they

**E**

just can't kill the beast

**Am**

**E7**

Last thing I remember, I was running for the door

**G**

**D**

I had to find the passage back to the place I was before

**F**

**C**

"Relax" said the night man; we are programmed to receive

**Dm**

You can check out any time you like

**E7**

But you can never leave...