

Hotel California

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♩ = 74
Ballad

1 *Capo at 7th fret*

Acoustic 12-string

Bm **F#7** **Asus2** **E9**

Let ring throughout

Number 7 in Tab = capoed open string

5

G **D** **Em** **F#7**

9

Bm **F#7** **Asus2** **E9**

(Acoustic 12-String)

(Acoustic 6-String)

Let ring - - - - -

P

(Electric 6-String)

Volume fade in

20

E9 G D

ris - ing up in the air ——— Up a - head in the dis - tance I saw a shim - mer - ing light.

H

23

Em F#7

My head grew heav - y and my sight grew dim —, I had to stop for the night —.

Rhythm guitar continues sim.

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Verse 2:

25

Bm **F#7** **Asus2**

There she stood in the door - way, I heard the mis - sion bell — An' I was think - in' to my - self — this could be

Acoustic rhythm

Twin electric lead

28

E9 **G** **D**

heav - en or this could be hell — Then she lit up a can - dle — an' she showed me the way —

Twin electric lead

39

Em **F#7**

time— of year— (an - y time— of year—) you can' find— it here—.

Rhythm guitar continues sim.

Verse 3:

41

Bm **F#7**

Her mind is tif - fa - ny twist - ed. She got the Mer - ce des— bends— (Uh)

Full 1/2

Full 1/2

43 **Asus2** **E9** **G**

She got a lot of pret-ty, pret-ty boys-, that she calls friends— How they dance in the court-yard—.

7 9 7 9 7 9 7 11 9 11 7 7 10 9 7 8 7 9 7 9 7 9 7

Full 1/2

2/2 4/6 5/6 4/5

46 **D** **Em7** **F#7**

sweet— sum-mer sweat. Some dance to re-mem-ber—, some dance to for-get—.

7 10 10 10 10 10 11 7 7 9 9 7 7 8 7 10 7 8 7 9 9 9 9 9 9 9 9

10 10

1/2

2/4 4/5 5/7 3/4 3/4 3/4 4/5 6/7

Verse 4:

49

Bm

F#7

So I called up the cap - tain, "Please bring me my wine —" He said that,

div.

51

Asus2

E9

"We have - n't had that spir - it here — since nine - teen six - ty — nine —"

67 **Aus2** **E9**

"We are all just pris - on - ers here— of our own— de - vice."

7 9 10 7 9 10 7 9 7 | 11 9 7 7 9 7

69 **G** **D**

An' in the mas - ters cham - bers— they gath - ered for the feast.

10 9 7 9 10 7 7 9 7 8 | 9 7 10 7 9 7 10

71 **Em7** **F#7**

They stab it with their— steel - y knives— but they just can't— kill the beast—

7 9 7 6 7 9 7 | 9 8 9 8 9 9

Verse 6:

Bm

F#7

73

73

Last thing I re-mem-ber— I was run-ning— for the door—.

Auss2

E9

75

75

I had to find the pas-sage back— to the place I was— be-fore—.

(Acoustic 12-String)

(Electric 6-String)

(Electric 6-String)

Guitar Solos:

(Electric 6-String)

81

Bm **F#7** **A**

div.

3/4 2/3 2/2

(1/2) sl H H P 1/2 rake H 1/2 H Full P P

(1/2) sl H H P 1/2 rake H 1/2 H Full P P

10 12 11 9 7 9 7 7 8 9 12 9 7 (7) x x x 7 9 7 7 9 8 9 7 9 7 9 7

84

E **G**

Full Hold Bend P 1/2 Full Hold Bend Full P Full Full

Full Hold Bend P 1/2 Full Hold Bend Full P Full Full

10 10 10 10 7 10 9 7 7 10 10 10 x x 10 10 7 10 10 10 8 10 0

86

D **Em** **F#7**

Full 1/2 Full P H 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 Full Full Full Full

Full 1/2 Full P H 1/2 1/2 1/2 P Full Full Full Full

9 9 9 7 7 6 7 x x 7 9 7 x 7 9 7 9 7 7 9 7 9 7 10 9 7 7 9 9 7 9

