I thought I'd never reach the water
I had to cross the desert and the great divide
Drinking only golden promises
And white lines in my eyes

And all the sons and daughters Followed all the signs to paradise Believing only dreams and promises With starlight in their eyes

Oh California Yeah, it's the one big love that you cannot end Oh California Well, it's not like before but we can still pretend

I was swimming in freezing water
I could hear the music from the other side
I looked up and I saw my father
Tears were in his eyes

Oh California
Yeah, it's the one big love that you cannot end
Oh California
Well, it's not like before but we can still pretend

We all still live for Friday night
Old habits die hard when you get them right
There's a broken dream in every grain of sand
But it's as close as I can get to the promised land

Oh California Yeah, I can see you now from the top of that hill Oh California Though many have gone I got the memories still

Oh California Well, I can hear the sound of the mission bell Oh California We're one stone's throw from heaven

I thought I'd never reach the water
I had to cross the desert and the great divide
Drinking only golden promises
And white lines in my eyes

Oh California Yeah, it's the one big love that you cannot end Oh California

Oh California Well, I can't leave you now Oh California