

California, you're a beauty  
An apparition to me now  
Palm trees silhouetted against a sunset sky  
Air so rich and tender, it almost makes me cry

California, you seduce me  
Where the mountains meet the sea  
And when I think of you  
I feel that ecstasy  
Climbing and descending  
On a road that's never-ending

And you are all the things I left behind  
California, you're my golden state of mind

California, I'm in love with you  
Your magic always the same  
Your season's always summer  
Except for driving rain  
A little bit of sadness  
And then the sun comes out again

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California, you're my golden state of mind

California, I'm a dreamer  
And you're a dream come true  
Though you seem as real  
As someone I have kissed  
I wake to find  
You're nothing more than mist

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