

## Joey Ryan

### "California"

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California, California  
Know I love you, California  
When I leave, I know you wait for me  
Cause in the sun and in the weather  
No one else has loved me better  
California you're the place for me

Los Angeles, Los Angeles  
My heart goes out to you and if  
I make it back I'd love to drive around  
Cause your streets are wide and dirty  
You'd have raised me in a hurry  
You're the city with the angels, yes indeed

San Francisco, San Francisco  
Always busy, you're always pretty  
I can see you just across the bay  
Your red bridge over the sea  
Keeps me safe and warm and free  
On a clear day, there's no place I'd rather be

In the mountains, in the mountains  
No one knows you like I do  
And summer streams are knee deep in the snow  
Just like the giving tree you have made a man of me  
Cause everyone needs someplace beautiful  
I think everyone needs someplace beautiful

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In the valley, in the valley  
Give me life and cradle me  
The sun is setting as I drive ahead  
So keep us and sustain us

Give us food and love and I trust  
That without you we'd all soon be dead

In the forest, all the trees  
You make a little child of me  
How I long to know what you have seen  
All the people who are gone  
And all the ones who once were strong  
Oh won't you keep their fate from claiming me

In the oceans, in the sea  
We have seen eternity  
How can I tell when you really end  
I imagine that you lead to other worlds entirely  
Where we can save ourselves and start again  
Yes we need to save ourselves and start again

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No one else has loved me better  
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So nurse me like a mother  
Raise me strong just like my father  
Let me wander off, discover who I am  
I'll have learned your deepest lessons  
Gathered up your finest blessings  
Return to California once again  
Yes, I'll come home to California once again

California, California  
Know I love you, California  
When I leave I know you wait for me  
Cause in the sun and in the weather  
No one else has loved me better  
California you're the place for me  
Yes California you're the place for me  
California won't you save a place for me?

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