

JoniMitchell.com Transcription for Guitar

## California

**Author: Tom Morris** 

EADGBE, 'Joni' Tuning: x55545, Capo 2

This transcription is the author's own work and represents their interpretation of the song. You may only use this file for private study, scholarship, or research. Copyrighted material on this website is used in accordance with 'Fair Use'

Intro (see tablature below)

D

G

-F#E

1. Sitting in a park in Paris, France / Reading the news and it sure looks bad

-B- A

-B-A- D

They won't give peace a chance / That was just a dream some of us had

G

Still a lot of lands to see / But I wouldn't want to stay here

-F#-E

-B-A

It's too old and cold and settled in its ways here

G C/G G Riff 1 D B

Chorus Oh, but California / California, I'm coming home

G

I'm going to see the folks I dig

D/F# A Riff 1 Riff 2 G

I'll even kiss a Sunset pig / California, I'm coming home

I met a redneck on a Grecian isle / Who did the goat dance very well He gave me back my smile / But he kept my camera to sell Oh the rogue, the red, red rogue / He cooked good omelettes and stew And I might have stayed on with him there / But my heart cried out for you

Chorus California / Oh, California, I'm coming home
Oh, make me feel good rock 'n' roll band
I'm your biggest fan / California, I'm coming home

 $E -F\#-G \qquad \text{Riff 1}$  Bridge Oh, it gets so lonely / when you're walking D A E -F\#-G And the streets are full of strangers / All the news of home you read E -B-C A -B-A-G C/G G Riff 2 D G

Just gives you the blues / Just gives you the blues

```
So, I bought me a ticket / I caught a plane to Spain
3.
   Went to a party down a red dirt road / There were lots of pretty people there
   A^5
    Reading "Rolling Stone", reading "Vogue"
                                              E^{10}
   They said, "How long can you hang around?" / I said, "A week, maybe two
   Just until my skin turns brown" / Then I'm going home
      To California / California, I'm coming home
Chorus
       Oh, will you take me as I am?
       Strung out on another man? / California, I'm coming home
                   -F#-G
                             Riff 1
Bridge
      Oh, it gets so lonely / when you're walking
        And the streets are full of strangers
                 E -F#-G Riff 1
      All the news of home you read / More about the war / And of bloody changes
                    -F#-G
                           Riff 1
                                      D
      Oh, will you take me as I am? / Will you take me as I am? / Will you?
                    E -F#-G
                                 Riff 1 D
      Will you take me as I am? / Will you take me as I am? / Will you?
Intro
|-2h3p2-----|-3---3-|-3---2--3p2---|-3---3-|-3---3-|-3---3-|
|----2--2-|-4---4-4--4-|-4---2--2-----2-|-2---2-|-2---2-|-2---2-|-2---2-|
|-----|----|-----|
|-----|-3--3-3--3-|-3-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
Verse
                            -B-
           G
|--3---3-3--3-|-3---3-3-----|-0---0-0--0-0-|-2---2-0----| |
| *-2---2--| -0---0-| -1---1-1--1-| -2---2-*| |
|-----|-3--3-----|-0--0-----|-----|
Chorus
            C/G G
                 Riff 1
|-----3---3-----|-------| | |
|-----0--0---|-1p0------|----3---3---3-|-4---4-4-|
|----0------|--2----|--2----|-4--4-4-4-|
|---0-----|-2p0-----0h2p0--|-0------|-4---4-4-4-|
|-3-----|
```

G	D/F#	А	Riff 1	Riff 2		
	0-	-0		0h2p	00 -22	0 -22-3-2-
-00-0	-0- -33	-2			33- 3	3- -333-
-00-0	-0- -22	-2		2	2 0	0- -22
		-2	0h2p0	-0		-0-0
		-0	-0h22-			
1-33-3	-3-1-22				-33	3







