

CALIFORNIA BLUES

Written & Sung by Jimmie Rodgers (1928)

Start Note: G **Time:** 4/4 **Key:** C **Strum:** D _ du D _ du

Intro: C /// G7 /// C /// C↓

1. N/C C C / C7

I'm going to California . . . where they sleep out every night.

F C C

I'm going to California . . . where they sleep out every night

G7 C C

I'm leaving you mama, cause you know you don't treat me right.

G7 C C

Yodel – lay – ee – oh, o – lay-ee – oh, yodel – lay - ee

2. C C7

Listen to me mama. . . while I sing you this song.

F C C

Listen to your daddy. . . sing you this lonesome song.

G7 C C

You got me worried now, but I won't be worried long.

G7 C C

Yodel – lay – ee – oh, o – lay-ee – oh, yodel – lay - ee

3. C C7

Let me tell you something. . . mama that you don't know

F C C

Let me tell you something. . . good gal that you don't know

G7 C C

I'm a do right papa, got a home everywhere I go.

4. C C C7

Got the California blues and I'm sure gonna leave you here. Lawd, lawd.

F C C

Got the California blues and I'm sure gonna leave you here.

G7 C C

I may ride the blind . . . I got no railroad fare.

G7 C C

Yodel – lay – ee – oh, o – lay-ee – oh, yodel – lay – ee

5. C C7
 I don't understand . . . what makes you treat me like you do?
 F C C
 I can't understand . . .how come you treat me like you do doodle do?
 G7 C C
 Now if you don't want me mama, it's a cinch I don't want you
 G7 C C
 Yodel – lay – ee – oh, o – lay-ee – oh, yodel – lay - ee

6. C C7
 If that's your mama. . . you better tie her to your side
 F C C
 If that's your mama. . . you better tie her to your side
 G7 C C
 Cause if she flags my train, I'm sure gonna let her ride.

7. C C7
 If the house catches fire...and there ain't no water around
 F C C
 If the house catches fire, and there ain't no water around
 G7 C C
 Throw my trunk out the window and let the house burn on down
 G7 C C
 Yodel – lay – ee – oh, o – lay-ee – oh, yodel – lay - ee

8. C C7
 Got the California blues and I'm sure gonna leave you here. Lawd, lawd.
 F C C
 Got the California blues and I'm sure gonna leave you here.
 G7 C C
 I may ride the blind . . . I got no railroad fare.
 G7 C C↓ G7↓ C↓
 Yodel – lay – ee – oh, o – lay-ee – oh, yodel – lay - ee