CALIFORNIA BLUES

Written & Sung by Jimmie Rodgers (1928)

<u>Key</u>: C Start Note: G **Time:** 4/4 Strum: D du D du Intro: C/// G7/// C/// C N/C C7 1. С I'm going to California . . . where they sleep out every night. F С I'm going to California . . . where they sleep out every night G7 С I'm leaving you mama, cause you know you don't treat me right. G7 С С Yodel – lay – ee – oh, o – lay-ee – oh, yodel – lay - ee 2. С C7 Listen to me mama. . . while I sing you this song. F С С Listen to your daddy. . . sing you this lonesome song. С G7 C You got me worried now, but I won't be worried long. G7 С С Yodel – lay – ee – oh, o – lay-ee – oh, yodel – lay - ee С 3. C7 Let me tell you something. . . mama that you don't know F С С Let me tell you something. . . good gal that you don't know G7 С С I'm a do right papa, got a home everywhere I go. 4. C7 С Got the California blues and I'm sure gonna leave you here. Lawd, lawd. F С С Got the California blues and I'm sure gonna leave you here. G7 С I may ride the blind . . . I got no railroad fare.

G7

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С

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

5. С C7 I don't understand . . . what makes you treat me like you do? F С С I can't understand . . . how come you treat me like you do doodle do? G7 С С Now if you don't want me mama, it's a cinch I don't want you G7 С Yodel – lay – ee – oh, o – lay-ee – oh, yodel – lay - ee 6. С C7 If that's your mama... you better tie her to your side F С С If that's your mama. . . you better tie her to your side G7 С С Cause if she flags my train, I'm sure gonna let her ride. 7. C7 С If the house catches fire...and there ain't no water around F С С If the house catches fire, and there ain't no water around G7 С С Throw my trunk out the window and let the house burn on down С G7 Yodel – lay – ee – oh, o – lay-ee – oh, yodel – lay - ee 8. С C7 Got the California blues and I'm sure gonna leave you here. Lawd, lawd. F С С Got the California blues and I'm sure gonna leave you here. G7 С С I may ride the blind . . . I got no railroad fare. G7 С Yodel – lay – ee – oh, o – lay-ee – oh, yodel – lay - ee