ON A DARK DESERT HIGHWAY COOL WIND IN MY HAIR
WARM SMELL OF COLITAS RISING UP THROUGH THE AIR
UP AHEAD IN THE DISTANCE I SAW A SHIMMERING LIGHT
MY HEAD GREW HEAVY AND MY SIGHT GREW DIM I HAD TO STOP FOR THE NIGHT
THERE SHE STOOD IN THE DOORWAY I HEARD THE MISSION BELL
I WAS THINKING TO MYSELF THIS COULD BE HEAVEN OR THIS COULD BE HELL
THEN SHE LIT UP A CANDLE AND SHE SHOWED ME THE WAY
THERE WERE VOICES DOWN THE CORRIDOR I THOUGHT I HEARD THEM SAY-AY

WELCOME TO THE HOTEL CALIFORNIA
SUCH A LOVELY PLACE  SUCH A LOVELY PLACE
SUCH A LOVELY FACE
PLENTY OF ROOM AT THE HOTEL CALIFORNIA
ANY TIME OF YEAR  ANY TIME OF YEAR
YOU CAN FIND IT HERE

HER MIND IS TIFFANY TWISTED SHE GOT THE MERCEDES BENZ UH
SHE GOT A LOT OF PRETTY PRETTY BOYS THAT SHE CALLS FRIENDS
HOW THEY DANCE IN THE COURTYARD SWEET SUMMER SWEAT
SOME DANCE TO REMEMBER SOME DANCE TO FORGET
SO I CALLED UP THE CAPTAIN PLEASE BRING ME MY WINE
HE SAID WE HAVEN'T HAD THAT SPIRIT HERE  SINCE NINETEEN SIXTY-NINE
AND STILL THOSE VOICES ARE CALLING FROM FAR AWAY
WAKE YOU UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT JUST TO HEAR THEM SAY

WELCOME TO THE HOTEL CALIFORNIA
SUCH A LOVELY PLACE  SUCH A LOVELY PLACE
SUCH A LOVELY FACE
THEY'RE LIVIN' IT UP AT THE HOTEL CALIFORNIA
WHAT A NICE SURPRISE  WHAT A NICE SURPRISE
BRING YOUR ALIBIS

MIRRORS ON THE CEILING PINK CHAMPAGNE ON ICE
AND SHE SAID WE ARE ALL JUST PRISONERS HERE OF OUR OWN DEVICE
AND IN THEIR MASTER'S CHAMBERS THEY GATHERED FOR THE FEAST
THEY STAB IT WITH THEIR STEELY KNIVES BUT THEY JUST CAN'T KILL THE BEAST

LAST THING I REMEMBER I WAS RUNNING FOR THE DOOR
I HAD TO FIND THE PASSAGE BACK TO THE PLACE I WAS BEFO-O-ORE
RELAX SAID THE NIGHT MAN WE ARE PROGRAMMED TO RECEIVE
YOU CAN CHECKOUT ANY TIME YOU LIKE BUT YOU CAN NEVER LEAVE