**'RETURN TO HOTEL CALIFORNIA'**

**A Musical by Graham Morgan & Norman Jackson**

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**OUTRO**

**SONG 2: IDENTITY**

**J:  I’m Joey from a well-off fam- ily**

**Lots of advantages …for a boy like me**

**I guess that you could say I live in lu-x -ury**

**My future’s in the bag**

**I’m following my Dad  
Make lots of money   
An executive recruit    
  
I’ll drive the fastest cars**

**Jet setting  ‘round the bars**

**High flying city boy**

**Who wears the sharpest suits**

**I’ll make connections**

**In the right places**

**Be the boss of my own company**

**I hope I’m famous**

**Just like a rock star**

**Living my life with high energy**

**C: I’m charlie from a working -class fam- ily**

**Not much advantage.. for a girl like me**

**We never ever mentioned Univers..ity**

**My future’s not too sure**

**An office girl but I want more  
Maybe I'll join**

**the Open U ni ver si ty**

**I like the simple things**

**Don’t care for diamond rings**

**Expensive clothes**

**And other lux ur ies**

**I live a simple life**

**With mum and dad no strife**

**We live in perfect har mon y**

**No need to be famous**

**Like a rock star**

**Just want to live my life contented…ly**

**INSTRUMENTAL**

**J: I go to school with boys who are like me**

**We are the best of nineteen ninety three**

**Sure of a place at a  top univer sity**

**My future’s in the bag**

**I’m following my Dad  
Make lots of money   
An executive recruit    
  
No need to hurry**

**To find a girl to marry**

**Lots of time to play**

**With this I'm resolute**

**I’ll find a rich girl**

**Someone whose like me**

**We'll settle down start our own family**

**And we'll be famous**

**Just like two rock stars**

**We'll make our own identity**

**C: I work all day as a     se cre tar   y**

**Type my bosses letters make his tea**

**For what I do I earn a small salary**

**I'll settle down soon**

**We'll have our own house**

**Have some kids**

**Be a happy family**

**We'll have a good life**

**Just like my mum and dad**

**Live our life contented…ly**

**My future’s not too sure**

**An office girl but I want more  
Maybe I'll join**

**the Open U ni ver si ty**

**I'd like to find someone**

**Who I can depend upon**

**To share his life**

**And give security**

**SONG 3 Just a natural thing**

**JOEY**

**The band is playing and there's a girl next to me**

**She catches my eye and she smiles at me**

**It's just a natural thing... just a natural thing**

**She's wearing blue jeans with boots upto her knee**

**She's looks real cute and I like what I see**

**It's just a natural thing... a natural thing**

**She's dancing to the tune and now she's close to me**

**It's just a natural thing**

**Her body's warm as she touches me It's just a natural thing**

**CHARLIE**

**The band is playing and there's a guy next to me**

**So tall and handsome and he's lookin at me**

**It's just a natural thing... just a natural thing**

**He's wearing blue jeans with holes in the knee**

**He's looks real cool and I like what I see**

**It's just a natural thing... a natural thing**

**He's dancing to the tune and now he's close to me**

**It's just a natural thing**

**I feel his warm body as he touches me It's just a natural thing**

**JOEY**

**We chat and laugh she seems to think I'm funny**

**When I say her skin is like milk and honey**

**It's just a natural thing... just a natural thing**

**CHARLIE**

**I asked him why he'd come to this gig**

**He said the Eagles play the music he digs**

**It's just a natural thing... a just a natural thing**

**BOTH**

**S/he's dancing to the tune and now s/he's so close to me**

**It's just a natural thing**

**I can feel his/her warm body as s/he touches me**

**It's just a natural thing**

**CHARLIE**

**The band started playing my favourite tune**

**Joey asked me to dance and I began to swoon**

**It's just a natural thing... just a natural thing**

**JOEY**

**I held her hand and dared to asked her to dance**

**She put her arms around me as if in a trance**

**It's just a natural thing... just a natural thing**

**BOTH**

**We're dancing to the tune and s/he's so close to me It's just a natural thing**

**I can feel his/her warm body as s/he touches me It's just a natural thing**

**THE SONG SEGUES INTO HOTEL CALIFORNIA?????**

**Then back into It's just a natural thing for the last verse**

**JOEY**

**Now the gig has ended and its getting rather late**

**I pluck up the courage and ask Charlie for a date**

**It's just a natural thing... just a natural thing**

**CHARLIE**

**Joey smiles at me says he'd like to take me home**

**My heart beats fast as I call mum on the phone**

**It's just a natural thing... just a natural thing**

**Now we're smoochin in his car and s/he's so close to me**

**It's just a natural thing**

**I can feel her/his warm body as s/he touches me**

**It's just a natural thing**

**SONG 4 : IT HAPPENED SUDDENLY (JOEY)  
Bm G Em A Ch D F# Bm G Em C Em A**

**It happened suddenly  
Happened right in front of me  
Like some Shakespearian comedy  
Your scent, your warmth, so womanly   
  
*But here we are  
Just like two movie stars  
So pleased we’ve found our way To turn night into day   
We’ve really come so far*It happened suddenly So very unexpectedly   
Brought together as if magically Charmed by your personality**

***But here we are  
Just like two movie stars  
So pleased we’ve found our way To turn night into day   
We’ve really come so far  
  
The world is at our feet  
But life is never neat   
It’s not Midsummer’s Night Dream   
Where nothing’s what it seems   
So many things to beat***

**So what happens from here  
To me it’s far from being clear They will try to break us up I fear And hope our love will disappear**

***But here we are  
Just like two movie stars  
So pleased we’ve found our way To turn night into day   
We’ve really come so far***

**Our backgrounds aren’t he same  
For that Im sure I will be blamed And for giving up I will be shamed But my love for you cannot be tamed**

***But here we are  
Just like two movie stars  
So pleased we’ve found our way To turn night into day   
We’ve really come so far  
  
The world is at our feet  
But life is never neat   
It’s not Midsummer’s Night Dream   
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So many things to beat***

**You are in my heart**

**No-one else will tear us a part**

**Together we must make a start**

**You are now my counter part**

***But here we are  
Just like two movie stars  
So pleased we’ve found our way To turn night into day   
We’ve really come so far  
  
The world is at our feet  
But life is never neat   
It’s not Midsummer’s Night Dream   
Where nothing’s what it seems   
So many things to beat***

**It happened suddenly**

**SONG 5: If I COULD SPEND EVERYDAY WITH YOU (CHARLIE)**

**SONG 6: SECURITY (CHARLIE)**

**A G C D Chorus C B Bb A A G F A**

**If I had my way A G**

**I wouldn’t set you free**

**I would lock you up**

**I would keep the key**

**If you were me**

**Would you set me free**

**Would you lock me up**

**Throw away the key**

**It’s just the way C D A**

**Things have to be …SECURITY**

**Would you hide from me if it was night or day C B Bb A**

**Burn my shoes so I won’t run away**

**Build a high fence so I couldn’t stray**

**Never let me know the time of day A G F A**

**If I had my way**

**I wouldn’t let you be**

**I would stay in control**

**Make you stay with me**

**If you were me**

**Would you let me be**

**Would you stay in control**

**Keep me company**

**Would you tie me up in knots with an old clothes line**

**Whisper sweet nothings where the lines don’t rhyme**

**Tell me there’s a world outside of crime**

**Put me in a place where the sun don’t shine**

**It’s just the way**

**Things have to be …SECURITY**

**SONG 6: CAN OF WORMS**

**My minds been blown by what you've said...Your news sent shock waves through my head**

**You've told me how you're up the spout…..Our future’s bleak without a doubt  
No thoughts of goin to uni ver sity.. must work to earn a small sal ar y**

**You're better off being on your own..Away from all my moans and groans**

***No going back on what's been said …..Our life's been turned upon its head***

***Its a can of worms...A can of worms… can of worms…  
It's ……… a can of worms***

**You should have been more careful dear.**

**The consequences are great I fear**

**What did you think would happen to us?**

**Was this a test to check my love?**

**My heart, my soul I want to share...**

**my thoughts and feelings are full of care**

**I will not leave you in the lurch..**

**A wedding soon but not in church...**

***No going back on what's been said …..***

***life's been turned upon its head***

***Its a can of worms...A can of worms… can of worms…  
It's ……… a can of worms***

**Mum will be so angry with me..**

**she'll put the blame on you squarely**

**She'll shout and scream and curse the day...**

**she learns your havin our baby**

**I suspect my life she'll just delete.......**

**she'll throw me out onto the street**

**We can't expect any help from her...**

**my money in trust she'll just transfer**

***No going back on what's been said ….life's been turned upon its head***

***Its a can of worms...A can of worms… can of worms…  
It's ……… a can of worms***

**Our time has come to grow up fast..**

**Look to our future not our past**

**Life will be tough we must be strong..**

**must be pragmatic from now on**

**I'll quit school and get a job....**

**Give up my wealth, stop being a knob**

**Show we can live with..in our means..**

**even tho' we're only in our teens**

***No going back on what's been said ….life's been turned upon its head***

***Its a can of worms...A can of worms… can of worms…  
It's ……… a can of worms***

**Can of worms x 4**

**SONG 8: BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR TONIGHT**

***Be careful  what you wish for tonight***

***The North star is shining  so bright***

***Your wish  might cure your anger and pain***

***But you may regret the decision you make***

**So where do we go from here?**

**You seem confused and I'm far from clear**

**You don't have to marry me I won't mind**

**I can do this by myself don't want to be unkind**

**So where do we go from here?**

**You know that I'm kind and sincere**

**I know you're afraid of telling your mum**

**She thinks that I've trapped you and I'm not the one**

***Be careful  what you wish for tonight***

***The North star is shining  so bright***

***Your wish might cure your anger and pain***

***But you may regret the decision you make***

**Don’t try and think you can fight    it**

**It’s just an emotion we protect in ourselves**

**Don’t try and think you can hide it**

**We all live a lie that sometimes needs to be told**

**Something is taken when the light starts to fade   
Take control of your senses**

**It’s a game to be played**

**No hesitating as you open the door**

**It’s fate that awaits you**

**The decision is yours**

**So where do we go from here?**

**The time to decide is near**

**Do you want to spend the rest of your life with me?**

**Or will you find someone else to love and marry**

***Last words are spoken by Charlie***

***Joey - you need to make your wish, but don't tell me, tell your mum***

**SONG 9: WHAT HAVE YOU DONE (MUM & JOEY)**

**M: What have you done, what  have you done**

**You’ve made a fool of everyone**

**You’ve thrown your future down the drain**

**How can you bring us all this shame**

**How can you throw your life away**

**That girl’s not worth the time of day**

**Your background’s aristocracy**

**Compared to her low pedigree**

***You’ve made your choice***

***No turning round  
You’re on your own***

***Your decision isn't sound***

***I can’t believe***

***It’s come to this  
You’ve lost your senses   
For a kiss***

**M We gave you opportunity**

**What will my friends think of me**

**She's trapped you in a terrible mess**

**Get rid of her and all this stress**

**J I appreciate what you've done**

**Its time for me to now move on**

**I'm sorry you are so very stressed**

**We're not your idea of success**

**Chorus together**

***M: You’ve made your choice J:I've made my choice***

***No turning round No turning round   
You’re on your own We're on our own***

***Your decision isn't sound  Our decision is sound***

***I can’t believe I can't believe***

***It’s come to this Its come to this   
You’ve lost your senses   You'll cut us off   
for a kiss because your miffed***

**M: We had all your life mapped out**

**A city job with lots of clout**

**The time has come you must decide**

**Not going to take us for a ride**

**J: A life mapped out is not for me**

**What I need is my liberty**

**Not going to be an easy ride**

**Our hearts are filled with love and pride**

**middle 8 INSTRUMENTAL**

**Chorus together**

***M: You’ve made your choice J: I've made my choice***

***No turning round No turning round   
You’re on your own We're on our own***

***Your decision isn't sound  Our decision is sound***

***I can’t believe I can't believe***

***It’s come to this Its come to this   
You’ve lost your mind   You'll cut us off   
Just for a kiss Because your miffed***

**M You've made your choice**

**J I've made my choice**

**M No turning round**

**J I won't turn round**

**M I can’t believe**

**J  It's come to this**

**M  We'll cut you off**

**J We'll take that risk**

**SONG 10 WILL YOU TAKE ME AS I AM? (CHARLIE)**

**Its early evening** C Em Am

**And a storm is brewing** C Em Am

**But I don’t feel it** F C

**It don’t seem right** F G

**I’m caught in headlights**

**I know they must be bright**

**I don’t see it   
It just don’t feel right**

***And if you tell me that I always seem to wander*** Em Am F G

***Just never get the point or always take much longer***

***The joke may be on me but I hide undercover***

***My world may be a place that no one else discovers***

**If you can …. Then take me as I am** Am Em F **‘Cos there’s no master plan**

**I may ….Be vague I can’t deny   
But surely worth a try**

**INSTRUMENTAL  
  
It’s after midnight**

**Wedding bells are ringing loud**

**But I don’t hear it   
It don’t seem right**

**My senses heightened   
But can’t tell how you feel**

**I don’t see it   
It just don’t feel right**

***And if you tell me that I always seem to wander***

***Just never get the point or always take much longer***

***The joke may be on me but I’m under the covers***

***My world may be a place that no one else discovers***

**If you can …. Then take me as I am  
‘Cos there’s no master plan**

**I may ….Be vague I can’t deny   
But surely worth a try**

**INSTRUMENTAL**

**The sun is rising**

**and the bacon's cooking**

**But I don't smell it**

**It don't seem right**

**My senses numbed   
I can’t tell you how I feel**

**I can't touch it   
It just don’t feel right**

***And if you tell me that I always seem to wander***

***Just never get the point or always take much longer***

***The joke may be on me but I’m under the covers***

***My world may be a place that no one else discovers***

**If you can …. Then take me as I am  
‘Cos there’s no master plan**

**I may ….Be vague I can’t deny   
But surely worth a try**

**OUTRO**

**SONG 11: ITS WHAT LOVERS DO (DUET)**

**CHARLIE: Today's a very special day..**

**Today we get ma….rried**

**Travelling north to hotel Cali fooornia**

**To get married**

**Mum and dad think that I’ve gone quite mad**

**Leaving them at home**

**Makes me feel sad**

**But I don't really care..**

**‘cos all that we are doing**

**is what lovers do**

**chorus both C+J**

**Today we'll start a new phase of our li.....fe**

**When the day is over, we'll be man and wi...fe**

**We'll vow to love and care for each other**

**To spend the rest of our lives together**

**JOEY Today's a very special day..**

**We're going to get mar.....ried**

**Heading for .. those northern hills**

**We’re going to get ma....rried**

**Mum wants nothing**

**More to do with me**

**Dad tries hard,**

**But he just cannot see**

**That I don't care..**

**cos all we're doing**

**is what lovers do**

**chorus both C+J**

**Today we'll start a new phase of our li.....fe**

**When the day is over, we'll be man and wi...fe**

**We'll vow to love and care for each other**

**To spend the rest of our lives together**

**SONG 12 : SUNDAY MORNING**

**Its 4am and Evie's crying again.. my turn to give her a feed**

**Its cold and dark, my bed is warm,**

**The thought of getting up makes me weep**

**Her nappies full, we've got no milk, I'll never get her back to sleep**

**Charlie's cosy in bed, a smile on her face,**

**out of her I don't hear a peep**

**Is this the way to….it has to be … Is this the promised land**

**I feel so out of my comfort zone….as if made from coloured  sand**

**Is this the way….. to nothing better …I just don’t understand**

**It’s not what it’s cracked up to be…. feels I’m in a foreign land**

***And I reca..aal ….a brighter sunny day***

***When it's always Sunday morning…….it's always holiday***

***And I do..oon’t see why….we shouldn’t go out and play***

***Forget about tomorrow….and just live for toda..aay***

**I should have listened to my mum.. said go to university**

**Now I'm stacking shelves all day.... for a pitiful salary**

**Each night I come home too tiered to play.. with my daughter Evie**

**But then you give me a smile and a hug,**

**You're the reason we're a family**

***And I reca..aal ….a brighter sunny day***

***When it's always Sunday morning…….it's always holiday***

***And I do..oon’t see why….we shouldn’t go out and play***

***Forget about tomorrow….and just live for toda..aay***

**I used to like Saturday night down at the pub for a drink**

**But most of my mates have gone away**

**and the telly's gone on the blink**

**But Saturday night seems alright when you cuddle up next to me**

**We share a pizza and a bottle of wine... our love is the key**

***This so..oong is clea..aar……we have not lost our way***

***With you it’s always Sunday morning…….it’s always holiday***

***Lets lo..oose our fears…love wants to find a way***

***Lets cherish Sunday morning…and stay on holiday***

**SONG 13: WE DON’T SEE THE WORLD AS OTHERS SEE IT**

**D G D**

**We don’t see the world as others see it**

**F#m G  
Together we have made it all our own   
Em**

**Both no longer mesmerised**

**C A**

**By others who were just disguised .. like you**

**We used to live our lives as others wanted   
Thought leaving them would make us seem so cruel**

**Can’t believe we both then travelled**

**‘Cross the world like runaways from school**

**Now-we both have turned around the corner**

**Realised how much they got it wrong**

**Broken from the haunting fears**

**That separated us for years ..so long**

**Now-we- don’t see the world as others see it**

**Experience of life has set us free**

**Throwing open every door   
So many countries to explore …and see**

**We both now see why we should feel so special**

**We value each other more than we knew**

**Life paths that we can’t separate**

**The passion that we’ve found just grew and grew**

**We both see the world as the other sees it**

**We seem to want the same things from our life**

**Our thoughts and values are the same**

**Our beliefs you cannot sever with a knife**

**We don’t see the world as others see it**

**Our separate souls have merged instead of two**

**Together we have made it all our own**

**And we don't see the world as others do**

**A D  
…We never see the world as others do**

**SONG 14 CLIMBING TREES (DUET)**

**E A F#m B Abm A F#m B Abm A F#m B Abm A F#m B**

**C: When we were young…....the Spring of our lives   
We’d go climbing trees…... just wasting time  
Swinging on branches....shaking off leaves   
Hanging by fingertips..….life was so carefree  
  
C#m B E A F#m B Abm A B**

**We’d always try to climb the highest tree  
Never fear of falling ..getting dirty knees  
We’d think we’re in control of our destiny   
Free of all of life’s responsibilities**

**Abm A F#m B Abm A F#m B Abm A F#m B Abm A F#m B**

***Wanna be climbing trees (Just where we wanna be)  
Climbing Tre…eees (Back to when we were free)  
Climbing Tre…eees (Now just distant Memories) Climbing Treeees***

**J: As we grew older..... We’d fallen in love**

**We abandoned our trees...to explore things we loved  
But we’d carved our initials.....with two hearts entwined  
The past still with us... the trees still our sign  
*The lesson you’ve learned …..is that with every new key  
There always comes ……new responsibilities  
Aspirations mod er ated …..replaced by reality  
We're no longer in control of our destiny***

**Wanna be climbing trees (Just where we wanna be)  
Climbing Tre…eees (Back to when we were free)  
Climbing Tre…eees (Now just distant Memories)………Climbing Treeees**

**C: Once we’d build a tree house……and swung on a rope  
C: Now we live in a high rise…..a life with less hope  
J: Replacing tall pines….for a life with no thrills  
J: Working long hours…… just to pay our bills**

**C: Those carefree days of our youth are gone**

**C: No more climbing trees until our job's been done**

**J: Though we can dream.. our future is hard to see**

**J: What we would give……to be back up those trees**

**Together**

**Though our lives lack the freedom that they once had**

**While we are together, we cannot be sad**

**We must still climb the trees life puts in our way**

**Discover new branches and change our destiny**

***Wanna be climbing trees (Just where we wanna be)  
Climbing Tre…eees (Back to when we were free)  
Climbing Tre…eees (Now just distant Memories) Climbing Treeees X 2***