

**'RETURN TO HOTEL CALIFORNIA'**  
**A Musical by Graham Morgan & Norman Jackson**  
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**OUTRO**

## **SONG 1: IDENTITY (DUET)**

**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 want to be famous  
Just like a rock star  
Live my life with high ener..gy**

**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  
Together we all live in perfect har mon y**

**Don't to want 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 just like me  
We are the best of our Academy  
Sure of a place at a 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 fam...ily**

**We'll be famous  
Just like two rock stars  
We'll create our own identity**

**C: I work all day as a se cre tar y  
I type my bosses letters make his tea  
I only earn a modest salary**

**I'd like to find someone  
Who I can depend upon  
To share his life with me  
Give me security**

**We'll settle down soon  
And have our own home  
Have some kids and  
be a happy fam..ily**

**We'll have a good life  
Just like my mum and dad  
Live our life contented...ly**

**We won't be famous  
Like two rock stars  
We'll create our own ident..ity**

## **SONG 2 NATURALTHING (DUET)**

**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... 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... 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... 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 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... 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... 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

As the band played.... 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... 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... 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 3 : 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**

**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**

**Our backgrounds aren't the same  
For that I'm 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  
Where nothing's what it seems  
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**

**It happened suddenly**

## SONG 4: EVERYDAY WITH YOU (JOEY)

C F  
Morning comes I think of you  
Em F  
Memories of things we do  
Em F  
Never thought it could come true  
C Em Am G F  
If I could spend every day with you  
C Em Am G F  
If I could spend every day with you

Such attraction from the start  
Bonded with entwining hearts  
Never think of time apart  
If I could spend every day with you  
If I could spend every day with you

Em F C G  
Time to spend walking hand in hand  
CHORUS Watching our favourite rock 'n' roll band  
High flying never want to land  
F Dm G C  
With you, every day with you

Certain that our love will last  
Never thoughts of different paths  
Just the future not the past  
If I could spend every day with you  
If I could spend every day with you

Changes always come and go  
But ever lasting love will grow  
Us together all I know  
If I could spend every day with you  
If I could spend every day with you

CHORUS Time to spend walking hand in hand  
Watching our favourite rock 'n' roll band  
High flying never want to land  
With you, every day with you



## SONG 5: 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

But if you were me  
Would you set me free  
Or would you lock me up  
And throw away the key

It's just the way things have to be ...SECURITY C D A  
It's just the way 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

But if you were me  
Would you let me be  
Or would you take control  
And try to stifle me

It's just the way things have to be ...SECURITY C D A  
It's just the way things have to be ...SECURITY

**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      C D A  
It's just the way things have to be ...SECURITY**

## **SONG 6: CAN OF WORMS (JOEY)**

**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 uni ver sity.. must work to earn a 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 now clear**

**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***

**My mum will be so angry with me..**

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

**She'll shout and scream an she'll go wild...**

**When she learns that we're havin a child**

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

**My very existence she will delete.....**

**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***

***It's 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 7: BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR TONIGHT (CHARLIE)**

**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**

**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**

**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**

***Last words are spoken by Charlie  
Joey - you need to make your wish, but don't tell me, tell your mum***

## **SONG 8: 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**

**J. Sorry to given you so much pain  
Our baby should not cause you shame  
Its not the life you planned for me  
I'll be a success ... wait and see**

***M. 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. How can you throw your life away  
That girl's not worth the time of day  
Compared to her low pedigree  
Your background's aristocracy**

**J. I know you think my life is blown  
My sacrifice for her I've shown  
She doesn't fit your snobby crowd  
I know one day we'll make you proud**

***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 do 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**

**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  
It's not going to be an easy ride  
Our hearts are filled with love and pride**

**middle 8 INSTRUMENTAL**

**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**

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## SONG 9 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 I 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  
It's 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 10: 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 11 : SUNDAY MORNING (BAND)

Verse: Dm/C#m Dm/C#m Dm\C#m Dm Bb A Bb A C Bb A

Chorus: D F#m Bm F#m Bm F#m G A...D F#m Bm F#m Bm F#m G A

It's 4am Evie's crying again.. **Joeys** turn **for** a feed  
It's cold and dark, his bed is warm, the thought of getting up makes **him** weep  
Her nappies full, **there** is no milk, **he'll** never get her back to sleep  
Charlie's **warm and** cosy in bed, out of her **there isn't** a peep

Is this the way to....to **wedded bliss?** ... is this the promised land?  
**He feels** so out of **his** comfort zone....as if **he's** made from **liquid** sand  
Is this the way..... to nothing better ...he just **can't** understand  
**Being a dad is tough at times**.... **He** feels **he's living** in a foreign land

*And **he** reca..aals ... a brighter sunny day  
When it **was** always Sunday morning... always holiday  
And **he doesn't** see why **they** shouldn't go out and play  
Forget about tomorrow and just live for today..*

**On** Saturday night, Charlie liked to go, **down to the pub for a drink**  
But most of **her** mates, **have** gone away **and now she's tied to the kitchen sink**  
But Saturday night **still feels right** when **she** cuddles up next to **him**  
**They** share a pizza and a bottle of wine... **and they turn the lights down dim**

Is this the way ....to wedded bliss? ... is this the promised land?  
**She sometimes feels she's so alone, like being stood up on a one night stand**  
**Being a mum isn't always fun.. living off a small sal...ary**  
**She's swapped her mum and a cosy home for a life of drudg...ery**

*And **she** reca..aals ... a brighter sunny day  
When it was always Sunday morning... always holiday  
And **she** doesn't see why **they** shouldn't go out and play  
Forget about tomorrow and just live for today..*

**And so it's clea..aar.....that **they are finding** their way  
**It can't always be** Sunday morning.....**or always** holiday  
Let's lo..oose our fears...love wants to find a way  
Let's cherish Sunday mornings...and stay on holiday**

## SONG 12: WE DON'T SEE THE WORLD AS OTHERS SEE IT (DUET)

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 13 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...ees (Back to when we were free)*  
*Climbing Tre...ees (Now just distant Memories) Climbing Treeees X 2*

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...ees (Back to when we were free)*  
*Climbing Tre...ees (Now just distant Memories) Climbing Treeees X 2*

**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...ees (Back to when we were free)***

***Climbing Tre...ees (Now just distant Memories) Climbing Treeees X 2***