

'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 saidOur 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 saidlife'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 saidlife'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**

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**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**

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 maybe 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 mayBe 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 wayto 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 learnedis that with every new key
There always comesnew responsibilities
Aspirations mod er atedreplaced 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