

'RETURN TO HOTEL CALIFORNIA'
A Musical by Graham Morgan & Norman Jackson
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ACT 2 SONGS

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SONG 14 CLIMBING UP THE CORPORATE LADDER (JOEY)

**Climbing up the corporate ladder
Climbing up the greasy pole
It isn't rocket science
It's embedded in my soul**

**Be on your guard and lookout
There's only one way down
That slippery slope is waiting
Gonna slide you to the ground**

***As you start to climb the ladder
Be careful cos' it might break
The dice are thrown against you
You'll be sliding down that snake***

**Climbing up the corporate ladder
The bell has rung its toll
It's programmed in your DNA
To reach the highest goal**

***You need to move at break neck speed
Don't rock the sinking boat
Your meteoric rise to fame
May just keep you afloat***

**When your climbing up the corporate ladder
There ain't no room for your mates
There's only room for one of you
Watch out for their mistakes**

***You need to let your boss know
when your best friend makes a mess
Its everyman for himself,
it's the boss you need to impress***

**Climbing up the corporate ladder
Climbing up the greasy pole
It isn't rocket science
It's embedded in my soul
Climbing up the corp, climbing up the corp climbing up the
corporate ladder x8**

SONG 15 REAL LIFE WORLD CAFÉ (CHARLIE)

**There is a place I go where everybody dreams
About their problems never being what they seem
You chat about the world and what you'd like to change
All those annoyances you'd like to rearrange**

***At the Real Life..... World Café
You can get advice...and chat all day
At the Real Life ... World Café
It's what you need to blow your cares away***

**When in the morning you might feel full of regret
You know you never should have smoked that cigarette
Those things you talked about no longer a big deal
It's time to head on back and reinvent the wheel**

***At the Real Life..... World Café
You can get advice...and chat all day
At the Real Life ... World Café
It's what you need to blow your cares away***

**Just have a coffee or an aromatic tea
They listen to your problems full of empathy
They hear your thoughts on how you think you've lost your way
Now is the time to hear what others have to say**

***At the Real Life..... World Café
You can get advice...and chat all day
At the Real Life ... World Café
It's what you need to blow your cares away***

**And if you feel yourself starting to drift away
Remind yourself .. procrastination never pays
Although we might all live our lives in disarray
We'll get it sorted at Real Life World Café**

***At the Real Life..... World Café
You can get advice...and chat all day
At the Real Life ... World Café
It's what you need to blow your cares away***

REPEAT VERSE

It's what you need to blow your cares away x4

SONG 16 DOING SOMETHING RIGHT (JOEY)

**I feel just like a millionaire
Been a long time coming but now I'm there
Must be doing something right
*Must be doing something right***

**Worked my way from the shop floor
Now I'm boss of this super store
I must be doing something right
*I must be doing something right***

**I worked long hours for very little pay
Now I'm the boss its time for me to play
I must be doing something right**

**My dreams come true now I'm the boss
Left my mates I don't give a toss
I must be doing something right
*I must be doing something right***

**I love the trap..pings of the job
Mercedes car now I'm a knob
Must be doing something right
*Must be doing something right***

***I worked long hours for very little pay
Now I'm the boss it's time for me to play
I must be doing something right***

INSTRUMENTAL

**My PA brings me cups of tea
Wiggles her hips and smiles at me
Must be doing something right
*Must be doing something right***

**My dreams come true now I'm the boss
Can't wait to make a load of dosh
I must be doing something right
*I must be doing something right***

*I worked long hours for very little pay
Now I'm the boss its time for me to play
I must be doing something right*

**We can afford to ho li day
Posh hotels in Saint Tro pez
Must be doing something right
Must be doing something right**

**Chauffeured cars and cocktail bars
Caribbean nights under twinkling stars
Must be doing something right
Must be doing something right
*I worked long hours for very little pay
Now I'm the boss it's time for me to play
I must be doing something right***

**I think my staff are scared of me
When I walk past they seem to flee
*Must be doing something right
Must be doing something right***

**My futures safe of that I'm sure
Now I'm the boss of the superstore
*I must be doing something right
I must be doing something right***

**OUTRO x5 getting quieter
Doing something right**

SONG 17 WATERS EDGE (CHARLIE)

**Well I'm standing at the water's edge
Reflecting on the lessons I've learned
Smarting at the way you ignore me
And the many times..that I've been burned**

**And I..Ill ..should turn the corner ..or should I go back
And I..Illwanna see my life go down a different track**

**I learnt that life can be quite painful
Though we had good times in the past
You are often not around now
and the gulf between us is so vast**

**And I..Ill don't wanna have to make choices anymore
And I..Ill don't wanna make the same mistakes I'm sure**

Bridge.....

***What am I doing? I'm so confused
We were happy together..Now I feel so abused
Your work seems.. more important than me
You've lost your friends.. and now.. you're losing me***

**So I'm reflecting at the water's edge
On the many lessons I've learned
From the angry fires inside of me
From the many times..... I got burned**

**And I..Ill should turn the corneror should I go back
And I..Illwanna see my life go down a different track
And I..Ill don't wanna have to make choices anymore
And I..Ill don't wanna make the same mistakes I'm sure**

Bridge.....

***Where am I going? I don't want to carry on
We had a good life together.. But now its time to move on
I wish I could help you.. see our difficult situation
But all you want to think about... is your job fixation***

**I lie naked at the water's edge
Love draining from my heart
The ebb and flow of the tide
Convinced me, I need, to make a new start**

OUTRO x8

**And I..III should turn the corneror should I go back
And I..IIIwanna see my life go down a different track
And I..III don't wanna have to make choices anymore
And I..III don't wanna make the same mistakes I'm sure
And I..III STOP**

**SONG 18 WE DON'T SEE THE WORLD THE SAME WAY
ANY MORE (DUET)**

SUNG TOGETHER

**We don't see the world as we used to see it
We live our lives quite separately
Perhaps its time for us to part
Life's too short to struggle on with me**

**Now we are two very different people
Our single soul has clearly split in two
We should go our separate ways,
free spirits to find new love and grow ourselves anew**

**Now we are two very different people
Our single purpose gone forever more
We should go our separate ways,
and leave each other to explore**

**We don't see the world as the other sees it
We have the power to set the other free
To be ourselves once more and be
the person we would rather be**

And be the person we would rather be

SONG 19 WORKS PARTY (BAND)

Once again that time of year
Works party time is here
Time to smile shake off that frown
Tell the boss that he's a clown
Lots of drinking going down
Works party time again

They're told the coach they board is new
Made around nineteen fifty two (1952)
Going some place no-one has clue
Drivers lost and in a stew
Reckon that he's had quite a few
Works party time again

*Too much beer and too much wine
Everyone's out for an epic time
Wive's at home they won't mind
If we let ourselves unwind*

INSTRUMENTAL harmonica

Brenda's got her warpaint on
One drink and she's half gone
Her short dress shows that she's well built
She's got tattoos up to the hilt
Going for the kill with no guilt
Works party time again

*Joey the boss is looking dapper
Chased by Brenda the office slapper
Never mind the idle chatter
He's the boss so that don't matter*

Old Fred is not amused
Is moves on Brenda av bin refused
She's teetering round quite unsteady
Eyeing Joey looks like he's oven ready
Fred's got his camera at the ready
Works party time again

**So now the die is cast
Joey and Brenda sidle past
Into the cupboard they put themselves
Lots of banging stuff falls off the shelves
Here comes Fred like a grinning elf
Works party time again**

***One photo flash reveals the truth
Caught in the act by Fred the sleuth
It's too late to have any regret
It's already posted on the internet***

**Once again that time of year
Works party time is here
Time to smile shake off that frown
Boss's been caught with his trousers down
He's going to have to leave this town
Works party time again**

SONG 20 ATMOSPHERE (DUET)

JOEY

**There's an atmosphere in here
And it ain't the kind you'd find in outer space
You can cut it with a knife
But it ain't the slice you'd ever want to taste**

Chorus

***And if we'd both shared our feelings from the start
We could both find true meaning in our hearts
Spare a thought for the reason that is splitting us apart
It will all come clear in this atmosphere***

CHARLIE

**There's a darkness in the air
And it ain't because the night is drawing near
It's the feeling that you get
When a candle's glow begins to disappear**

Chorus

***And if we'd both shared our feelings from the start
We could both find true meaning in our hearts
Spare a thought for the reason that is splitting us apart
It will all come clear in this atmosphere***

***You can smell it, you can feel it
But like a dream you cannot touch it
Its nebulous our embodiment of hope
Its nebulous and we're both learning to cope
We pretend it's an abstract conception
But what we have is our perception..
Its nebulous our embodiment of hope***

JOEY

**There's a sadness in the air
The bond of trust I've broken now is clear
and it's not the sort of thing
that I can easily repair I fear**

*And if we'd both shared our feelings from the start
We could both find true meaning in our hearts
Spare a thought for the reason that is splitting us apart
It will all come clear in this atmosphere*

CHARLIE

**There's an anger in the air
Your lust for her is all that I can see
It won't be easy to forgive
even if you get down on your bended knee**

*And if we both shared our feelings from the start
We could both find true meaning in our hearts
Spare a thought for the reason that is splitting us apart
It will all come clear in this atmosphere*

*You can smell it, you can feel it
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SONG 21 MOMENTARY LAPSE (JOEY)

**I guess I'm paranoid
But never thought I'd be destroyed
With all the things you say
I'm sure it's been quite clear**

**The things once whispered in my ear
Have clearly .. gone away
Momentary lapse
See your world collapse**

**All around you
Momentary lapse
Falling through the gaps
That surround you**

CHORUS

***We know things cannot stay the same
But memories remain
That haunt us to our graves
But just a momentary lapse
My hope is that perhaps
Our paths will cross again***

**We were both serious
But never used to make a fuss
It's just the games we play
No longer to be one**

**Our course is run
The game is done
We simply slip away
Momentary lapse
See your world collapse
All around you
Momentary lapse
Falling through the gaps
That surround you**

CHORUS

SONG 22 INFIDELITY (CHARLIE)

**Just when you think.... lif's a straightforward path
Your relationship's solid...as a rock
That damn opportunity... gets in the way
Then your sense and your reason get knocked**

***You never will know when the creature will strike
First it creeps up behind you..... and takes a small bite
It hides in a corner..... deceives what it is
But sooner or later..... it blows its death ki...iiss
It's called... Infidelity..... Infidelity..... Infidelity
It's called.... Infidelity..... Infidelity..... Infidelity***

**You stumble, you fumble.... you can't work it out
The deceit and the pleasure combined
With the guilt and the feeling of total despair
And self-doubt at the back of your mind**

***It slithers, it hisses, it turns outside in
It changes its shape.... to wherever you've been
Then it bites with a vengeance.....its teeth sinking deep
Then swallows you whole....now it's got you to ke...eep
It's called... Infidelity..... Infidelity..... Infidelity
It's called.... Infidelity..... Infidelity..... Infidelity***

**It's the Serpent inside us..... it needs to be fed
It's laid too long dormant.... it's stirred from its bed
Infidelity raised... it unleashed all its might
Darkness closes in....the future's not bright**

***It batters, it blisters...it eats all your sleep
Dominateseven sub-conscience thought
Manifesting itselfas tension and stress
You shiver from it's..... hyp..not..ic Care...eess
It's called... Infidelity..... Infidelity..... Infidelity
It's called.... Infidelity..... Infidelity..... Infidelity***

**Like a gambler you wonder... whether to hold or fold
But the damage is done.....it's too late
You never know.....why you started to cheat
Your guilt... seen from the sweat you excrete**

***It creeps and it crawls, it turns inside out
It hides in your head and keeps poking your mind
It flows through your veins... and seeps into your blood
Drags your body through..... hypothetical mu..uud
It's called... Infidelity..... Infidelity..... Infidelity
It's called.... Infidelity..... Infidelity..... Infidelity***

**Now you start to resent all this misguided play
Time that's been wastedfor what
The stranglehold grips ever tighter it seems
But your focus has now lost the plot**

***But after a while it gets tired of its prey
And needs to move on..... you've just got in its way
Where emotions run high.... always damage to do
And it curl itself up.... it's been waiting for you***

***The creature salivates.... it's spit and its spite
Yellow fangs sink infrom a nebulous bite
No limitsto the Serpent's bru..tal..ity
It's called... Infidelity..... Infidelity..... Infidelity
It's called.... Infidelity..... Infidelity..... Infidelity***

SONG 23 SLEEPING IN THE RAIN TONIGHT (JOEY)

**Somewhere there's a passion
Hidden in us all
Know it's not compassion
Never got the call**

**But we won't be sleeping in the rain tonight
Sheltered from the pain
No we won't be sleeping in the rain tonight
Safe at home again**

***Could it be the time when we all reflect
And we keep it all inside
Isn't it the time when we just sit back
Let emotions override***

**Can't predict the future
Can't escape what's passed
Can make changes to our lives
Changes that can last
But we won't be sleeping in the rain tonight
Sheltered from the pain
But we won't be sleeping in the rain tonight
Safe at home again**

***Being in a world that is changing fast
Where we feel so very small
Knowing there's a chance we can all get out
As we're breaking down the wall***

**But we won't be sleeping in the rain tonight
Sheltered from the pain
But we won't be sleeping in the rain tonight
Safe at home again**

SONG 24 NIGHT DRIVE /CAR CRASH (CHARLIE)

**Those thoughtless acts that change our lives
These winding roads and pitch black skies
My broken dreams and angry cries
Tears roll down my cheeks and fill my eyes**

***But I don't want to let him go
My love for him is all I know
Is there a way that we can grow?
a way that we can grow ...
a way that we can grow ...***

**The life I knew is at an end
I'm close to losing my best friend
His sordid act he can't defend
My broken heart he cannot mend**

***But I don't want to let him go
My love for him is all I know
Is there a way that we can grow?
a way that we can grow ...
a way that we can grow ...***

**He's caused me so much grief and pain
I see my life more clearly through all this rain
His drunken lust he should have slain
Our lives can never ever be the same**

CHORUS

**I think I know what I should do
It will be hard but I'll try to make it up to you
My love for you is strong, if you only knew
I need to know, your love for me, is true**

INSTRUMENTAL

**The tears and rain have deeply cleansed my soul
Without you I think I can't be whole
To unite again should be our goal
I'm spinning round.. I think I've lost control **CAR CRASH SOUNDS****

SONG 25 THERE'S A ROAD WE'LL TAKE (JOEY)

**Today, we have seen things
Clearer than we've ever seen before
We know, we can't ignore these
For we have seen the writing on the wall**

***There's a road we'll take
Don't know where it leads
It is our fate
It's what we need***

***We could travel far
Must seize the chance
To follow our dreams
Complete our dance***

**Right now, I want to thank you
for giving me, another chance to show
that I... will be different
I want to be the man you used to know**

***There's a road we'll take
Don't know where it leads
It is our fate
It's what we need***

***We could travel far
Must seize the chance
To follow our dreams
Complete our dance***

**Tonight will be the first time
When we can dream of all the things to do
We'll share our aspirations
Ensuring our new ambitions come true**

***There's a road we'll take
Don't know where it leads
it is our fate
It's what we need***

***We could travel far
Must seize the chance
To follow our dreams
Complete our dance***

**Tomorrow, we'll start a new life
Different from the one we had before
We'll lead a life of romance
We're pushing at an open door**

***There's a road we'll take
Don't know where it leads
It is our fate
It's what we need***

***We could travel far
Must seize the chance
To follow our dreams
Complete our dance***

SONG 26 RETURN TO HOTEL CALIFORNIA (DUET)

CHARLIE

Pa..aast thoughts.....of our wedding bells
Drawing us back to....That California hotel
Once there.....That shimmering light
Inviting us in tospend the night

A lovely place many stories to tell
Lets return to.. that highland hotel
So long ago.. so many years
Eagles music... ringing in our ears

C+J

*Memories of Hotel California.....We know thats....where we belong
Memories of Hotel California.....Can't lose it our haunting song
Memories of Hotel California...Deep...in our mind.... its been too
long*

JOEY

Pa..aast thoughts.....of our wedding day
Drawing us back....that hotel by the sea
Crashing waves...and a pebbly beach..
Cascading water..sand under our feet

A happy place many stories to tell
Lets return to.. that highland hotel
So long ago.. so many years
Eagles music.. ringing in our ears

C+J

*Memories of Hotel California.....We know thats....where we belong
Memories of Hotel California.....Can't lose it our haunting song
Memories of Hotel California...Deep...in our mind.... its been too
long*

J+C TOGETHER

Pa..aast thoughts.....of our wedding night
California hotel....what a beautiful sight
Roaring fires..brown oak panelled walls
We made our vows..beneath crossed swords

**A joyful place many stories to tell
We should go back.. to that highland hotel
So long ago.. so many years
Eagles music... ringing in our ears**

***Memories of Hotel California.....We know that's....where we belong
Memories of Hotel California.....Can't lose it our haunting song
Memories of Hotel California...Deep...in our mind.... its been too
long***

SONG 27 TOMORROW (DUET)

JOEY

**On second thoughts
I've changed my mind
This time I've written
The last line**

**We've had our troubles
Misery and pain
It's not been easy
To find our way again**

CHARLIE

**Though there's been anger
I'll not deny
Thro' pain and suffering
Many tears I've cried**

**It's not been futile
To forgive your sin
I know my love
Lies deep within**

C+J

***This is tomorrow
Banish the rain
Bring back the sunshine
Our tomorrow lives again***

INSTRUMENTAL

JOEY

**It took a bad mistake
To make me come
To my senses
Realise what I'd done**

**I found an answer
It's not with swords
Or guns and missiles
It's just with words**

CHARLIE

It took a car crash
to show me you cared
It made me feel
the love we'd shared

You said you were sorry
For what you'd done
It helped me realise
you're still the one

C+J

*This is tomorrow
Ban..ish the rain
Bring back the sunshine
Our tomorrow lives again*

INSTRUMENTAL

BOTH TOGETHER

We've been given
Another chance
Write the next chapter
Of our lives

No more anger
No more pain
Only love and friendship
We're together again

C+J

*This is tomorrow
Banish the rain
Bring back the sunshine
Our tomorrow lives again*

INSTRUMENTAL OUTRO