

# California Desert

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## Verse 1

WHEN I LEFT MINNESOTA IT WAS FORTY-NINE BELOW  
COLD WIND WHIPPING DOWN MY COLLAR  
I WAS TIRED OF THE FREEZING SNOW  
SO I HEADED WEST TO SAN JOSE  
GOT THERE IN TIME FOR THE EARLY RAINS  
BUT I STAYED TOO LONG IN THE SUNSHINE  
THE CALIFORNIA DESERT SCORCHED MY BRAIN

## Verse 2

I MET A BOY IN CARMEL  
CARMEL BY THE SEA  
HE WAS NATURE'S LITTLE WONDER CHILD  
BUT MUCH TOO FAST FOR ME  
AND LIKE A SPIDER WEAVES HIS WEB  
HE CAUGHT ME IN HIS LUSTFUL SPELL  
AND I STAYED TOO LONG IN THE SUNSHINE  
THE CALIFORNIA DESERT SCORCHED MY BRAIN

## Bridge

THE CALIFORNIA DESERT SCORCHED MY BRAIN  
I WALKED TOO LONG IN THE SUNSHINE  
AND I'LL NEVER BE THE SAME  
IT'S NOT BECAUSE HE BROKE MY HEART  
THAT THE TEARS FALL DOWN LIKE RAIN  
IT'S JUST THE CALIFORNIA DESERT SCORCHED MY BRAIN

## Verse 3

HEAVEN KNOWS I LOVED HIM  
BUT LIKE A FOOL I COULDN'T SEE  
THE FLAME WITHIN HIS EMERALD EYES  
WOULD NEVER BURN FOR ME  
SO I'M HEADING HOME ON THE EVENING TRAIN  
GONNA TAKE ME A WALK IN THE FREEZING RAIN  
'CAUSE I STAYED TOO LONG IN HER SUNSHINE  
AND THAT CALIFORNIA DESERT SCORCHED MY BRAIN