

# Hotel California by the Eagles

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Tweaked by Kennardly for **Spa Strummers**

Uke intro with slow solo picking \*

Am E7 G D F C Dm E7 + 2 knocks on uke

Am E7  
On a dark desert highway, cool wind in her hair  
G D  
Warm smell of colitis rising up through the air  
F C  
Up ahead in the distance, I saw a shimmering light  
Dm E7 (stop)  
My head grew heavy and my sight grew dim, I had to stop for the night

E7 (up down down down)  
Am E7  
There she stood in the doorway, I heard the mission bell  
G D  
And I was thinkin' to myself this could be heaven or this could be hell  
F C  
Then she lit up a candle, and she showed me the way  
Dm E7 (stop)  
There were voices down the corridor, I thought I heard them say

E7 (up down down down)  
F C  
Welcome to the Hotel California  
E7 Am  
Such a lovely place (Such a lovely place) such a lovely face  
F C  
Plenty of room at the Hotel California  
Dm E7 (stop)  
Any time of year (any time of year) you can find it here

E7 (up down down down)  
Am E7  
Her mind is Tiffany twisted, she got the Mercedes bends  
G D  
She got a lot of pretty, pretty boys that she calls friends  
F C  
How they dance in the courtyard, sweet summer sweat  
Dm E7 (stop)  
Some dance to remember, some dance to forget

E7 (up down down down)  
Am E7  
So I called up the captain, "please get me my wine"  
G D  
"we haven't had that spirit here since 1969"  
F C  
And still those voices are calling from far away  
Dm E7 (stop)  
Wake you up in the middle of the night, just to hear them say

**E7 (up down down down)**

**F** **C**  
Welcome to the Hotel California

**E7** **Am**  
Such a lovely place (Such a lovely place) such a lovely face

**F** **C**  
They're livin' it up at the Hotel California –

**Dm** **E7 (single stroke)**  
What a nice surprise (what a nice surprise) bring your alibis

**Pause then slow single strokes**

**Am** **E7**  
Mirrors on the ceiling, pink champagne on ice

**G** **D**  
And she said "we are all just prisoners here, of our own device"

**F** **C**  
And in the master's chambers, they gathered for the feast

**Dm** **E7**  
They stab it with their steely knives, but they just can't kill the beast

**E7 (up down down down)**

**Back to normal speed and rhythm**

**Am** **E7**  
Last thing I remember, I was running for the door

**G** **D**  
I had to find the passage back to the place I was before

**F** **C**  
"relax" said the nightman, "we are programmed to receive"

**Dm** **E7 (stop)**  
"you can check out anytime you like, but you can never leave"

**E7 (up down down down)**

**Instrumental to finish soft strumming + solo picking \***

**Am E7 G D F C Dm E7**

**Am E7 G D F C Dm E7(up down down down) Am(1 slow sustained strum)**

**\* longer intro and outro if groovy GIG**