

In The Land Of Ease

V1

He came down from the mountain
To the edge of the sea
And he dreamed of clear fountains
To water citrus trees
He was a humble fruit farmer
That turned the foothills green
He was that humble fruit farmer
In the land of ease

And they came out to the hilltops
That were close to Mexico
To outrun local LA cops
While shooting movie shows
They were daring filmmakers
Back-a-hundred years at least
They were those daring filmmakers
In the land of ease

Chorus 1

It's the source of much production
It taught all the world to dream
Hollywood spells out seduction
In the minds of you and me
Southern California's conquest
Of our myths is near complete
When our heroes have a setback
It's our hearts that skip a beat
Is it right / I don't know
Do we need a place to see
All the promise that we strive for
In the movies and TV
And we're joined to everyone by the images we see
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V2

They came out from the east coast
With cheques for big money
They had big cigars and bigger boasts
About their big movie
They were garish producers
That changed the way we see
They were those garish producers
In the land of ease

And from all across the Great Plains
Perfect hair and perfect teeth
They came to live and entertain
Where a city never sleeps
They were stunning young actors
Eager to be seen
They were those stunning young actors
In the land of ease

Chorus 2

It's the source of much rejection
It taught all the world to dream
Hollywood spells out seduction
In the minds of you and me
Southern California's conquest
Of our love is near complete
When our sirens start a scandal
It's our hearts that skip a beat
Is it wrong / I don't know
Do we need a place to see
All the passion we can strive for
In the movies and TV
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V3

The call went out to artists
To make a world on screen
They spent the most and went the farthest
Making art and making sleaze
It was hungry young artists
That fed the film machine
It was those hungry young artists
In the land of ease

And along came television
That gave us shows for free
It captured all our vision
It captured it with ease
It was cunning advertisers
That changed what we believe
It was those cunning advertisers
In the land of ease

Chorus 3

It's the source of much consumption
It taught all the world to dream
Hollywood spells out seduction
In the minds of you and me
Southern California's conquest
Of our truth is near complete
When our idols get caught out
It's our hearts that skip a beat
Is it right / I don't know
Do we need a place to see
All the glamour that we strive for
In the movies and TV
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V4

Well they built the grandest homes
When they moved to valleys green
San Fernando, Napa, Silicone
Where the deals are never seen
They were entrepreneurs
Our cure and our disease
They were those entrepreneurs
In the land of ease

But with all its vile detractions
We keep a fantasy
To get in on the action
In the places to be seen
We cast our eyes westward
To watch our royalty
We cast our eyes westward
To the land of ease

Chorus 4

It's the source of much corruption
It taught all the world to dream
Hollywood spells out seduction
In the minds of you and me
Southern California's conquest
Of our wealth is near complete
When their business has a bankrupt
It's our hearts that skip a beat
Is it wrong / I don't know
Do we need a place to see
All the fortune that we strive for
In the movies and TV
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Chorus 5

It's the source of much attraction
It taught all the world to dream
Hollywood spells out seduction
In the minds of you and me
Southern California's conquest
Of our lives is near complete
If our images decrease
It's our hearts that skip a beat
Is it right / Is it wrong
Do we need a place to see
All the dreams that we can strive for
In the movies and TV
And we're joined to everyone by the images we see
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Outro

It was those clever Californians
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