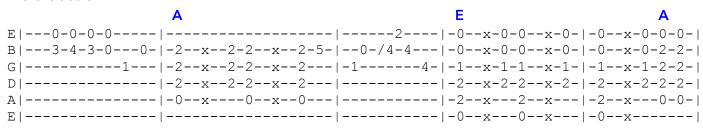
# **Swift Guitar Lessons**



# "California" By Joni Mitchell Arrangement for guitar by Rob Swift

Standard Tuning | key of Emaj | Released 1971 | Label: Reprise Records | 71 Bpm

#### **Intro Section:**



#### Verse #1:

**E** F#m11 (F#maj in original track)

Sitting in a park in Paris France reading the news and it sure looks bad

B7 E

They won't give peace a chance... that was just a dream some of us had

(E) A F#m11

Still a lot of lands to see... but I wouldn't want to stay here

**B7** 

It's too old and cold and settled in its ways here...

#### Chorus #1:

A E C#7

Ah but California, California I'm coming home

A E B7

I'm gonna see the folks I dig, I'll even kiss a sunset pig

B7) E

California I'm coming home

## **Instrumental Section #1:**

	C#m	E	A	
E   -0x-2-4-2-0	-0- -44	0- -0-x4-4	4-4-4-5-5- -0x-0-00-	
B   -0x	4 55	4 -0x5-5	5-5-5-5-1-0x-0-22-	
			4-4-4-4-1-1x-1-22-	
D -2x		-2x	-2x-2-22-	
A   -2x		-2x	-2x0	
E   -0x		-0x	-0x	

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#### Verse #2:

E A F#m11

I met a redneck on a Grecian isle, who did the goat dance very well

**B7** 

He gave me back my smile... but he kept my camera to sell

E) A

Oh the rogue, the red, red rogue, he cooked good omelettes and stews

F#m11 B7

And I might have stayed on with him there, but my heart cried out for you...

#### Chorus #2:

A E C#7

Ah but California, California I'm coming home

A E

Oh make me feel good rock and roll band, I'm your biggest fan

B7 E

California I'm coming home

Repeat Instrumental Section: (Skip Amaj chords at end, and go straight into bridge section.)

## Bridge:

E F# A

Oh, it gets so lonely, when you're walking...

E B+11

And the streets are full of strangers...

F# /

All the news of home you read...

F# D B+11

Just gives you the blues...Just gives you the blues!

#### Instrumental Section #2:

A	E	A
E		0-0-0-
B 23p23p2	2-3p24-5-4-0- -0x-0-0x-0- -0x-0	1-2-2-1
G  22-	22 -1x-1-1x-1- -1x-1	-2-2-
D 2	2x-2- -2x-2-2-x-2- -2x-2	2-2-2-1
A   -0	-0 -2x -2x -2x	0-0-
E	-0x -0x -0x	

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### Verse #3:

E

So I bought me a ticket I caught a plane to Spain

F#m11

Went to a party down a red dirt road

Е

There were lots of pretty people there, reading Rolling Stone reading Vogue

(E) A F#m11

They said how long can you hang around, I said a week maybe two

**B7** 

Just until my skin turns brown and then I'm going home

## Chorus #2:

A E C#7

Ah but California, California I'm coming home

A E B7

Oh, will you take me as I am, strung out on another man

(B7) E

California I'm coming home

Repeat Instrumental Section: (Skip Amaj chords at end, and go straight into bridge section.)

## Bridge #2:

Ε F# Α

Oh, it gets so lonely, when you're walking...

E B+11

And the streets are full of strangers...

F# A

All the news of home you read...

E B+11

More about the war, and the bloody changes...

## Bridge #2:

F# A E B

Will you take me as I am? Will you take me as I am? Will you?

F# /// | A /// | E /// | B /// | Repeat twice more and end on Emaj.

Will you take me as I am? (ohhhh)

# **Chord Bank**

