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California Nights

Words and music by Marvin Hamlisch and Howard Liebling



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CALIFORNIA NIGHTS

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(ASCAP)

Music by
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With a strong beat

Gm Ab

ff

The piano introduction consists of two systems of music. The first system is in G minor, 4/4 time, with a forte (ff) dynamic. The right hand plays a series of chords and eighth notes, while the left hand plays a simple bass line. The second system continues the piece, featuring a key change to A-flat major (Ab) and the introduction of triplets in both hands.

Em7 (*soft and legato*) Dmaj7 Em7 F#m7 Bm7

A - long the sand, — let's walk the shore to - geth - er now;
And there we'll be, — be - neath that mid - night sky a - bove

mp

The first verse of the song is set in A-flat major. The vocal line is written in a soprano clef, and the piano accompaniment is in a grand staff. The piano part features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand. The lyrics are: "A - long the sand, — And there we'll be, — let's walk the shore to - geth - er now; be - neath that mid - night sky a - bove". The piano part is marked *mp* (mezzo-piano).

Em7 Dmaj7 Em7 F#m7 Bm7

Yes, hand in hand, — it's gon - na be fair weath - er now
Just you and me, — and we will whis - per words of love

The second verse continues in A-flat major. The vocal line and piano accompaniment are similar in style to the first verse. The lyrics are: "Yes, hand in hand, — Just you and me, — it's gon - na be fair weath - er now; and we will whis - per words of love".

F#m7 Bm7 Em7 A7 D Gm D Gm D7

When the stars come out stop to count them in the sky!
 While the fire - light soft - ly flick - ers on the sand!

Strong beat
 Gm Ab

Love Warm CAL - I - FOR - NI - A NIGHTS
 Warm CAL - I - FOR - NI - A NIGHTS

f

Gb

When I'm walk - ing with you hand in hand by the
 With the breeze blow - in' in in time for love to be -

Sva

D Gm D7 Gm

shore. gin. Yes I I would love miss CAL - I - FOR - NIA
 gin. I would miss CAL - I - FOR - NIA

Ab Gb

NIGHTS At the beach where we swim
NIGHTS If I went on my way

Sva

1. 2. Gm D7

with the tide roll-in' in! And we'll
think-in' now that I'll stay!

Sva

Optional Repeat and Fade Out

Gm Ab

spend CAL-I-FOR-NI-A NIGHTS Al-ways close as a

Sva

Gb D Gm D7

kiss noth-in' sweet-er than this. And we'll

Sva