

California Earthquake ¾ Time

Verse 1

G **C** **G**
There was a California earthquake in the year of '83
Em **G** **A** **D**
It shook the living daylights out of the Owens County Seat
G **C** **G**
There weren't a building still left standing when the dust had cleared away
Em **G** **D** **G**
Just a rumble in the distance all the way to San Andrea

Verse 2

Sherman Buck was driving his old mule into town
When a big one came and shook so hard that it knocked him to the ground
Lord there opened up a hole so big he thought his time was up
Lord it swallowed up that poor old mule and it just missed Sherman Buck

Chorus:

C **G**
California earthquake you just don't know what you've done
Em **A** **D**
We may fall off in the ocean, Lord you'll never make us run
G **C** **G**
You're a partner to the devil, Lord we ain't afraid of him
Em **G** **D** **G**
We'll build ourselves another town so you can tear it down again

Verse 3

Then came the quake of '99 that levelled Mission Creek
The earth was like an ocean churning with waves of twenty feet
Lord it sounded like a thousand trains were screaming underground
Clean across to San Joachim they heard that mournful sound

Chorus

Verse 4

Then came one day the holocaust Lord on rocks of Franciso Bay
Miles of walls came down like old Jericho that day
Might near everything the earthquake missed a holy fire consumed
Just left 'em smoke and the ashes of the dreams that can't be ruined

Chorus and Repeat to close

Em **G** **D** **G**
We'll build ourselves another town so you can tear it down again