

California Stars

written by Woodie Guthrie, sung by Wilco

I'd like to rest my _____ tonight

On a _____ of California stars

I'd like to lay my weary bones tonight

On a _____ of California stars

I'd love to feel your hand _____ mine

And tell me why I must keep _____ on

Yes, I'd give my _____ to lay my _____ tonight

On a _____ of California stars

I'd like to _____ my troubles all away

On a _____ of California stars

_____ from my starbed and make another day

Underneath my California stars

They hang like **grapes on vines** that shine

And warm the lovers glass like friendly wine

So, I'd give this _____

Just to _____ a _____ with you

On our _____ of California stars



Woodie Guthrie, 1912 to 1967



Grapes on a vine

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The rock band Wilco

- 1 I'd like to rest my heavy head tonight
- 2 On a bed of California stars
- 3 I'd like to lay my *weary* bones tonight
- 4 On a bed of California stars

- 5 I'd love to feel your hand touching mine
- 6 And tell me why I must keep working on
- 7 Yes, I'd give my life to lay my head tonight
- 8 On a bed of California stars

- 9 I'd like to dream my troubles all away
- 10 On a bed of California stars
- 11 Jump up from my starbed and make another day
- 12 Underneath my California stars

- 13 They hang like grapes on vines that *shine*
- 14 And warm the lovers glass like friendly wine
- 15 So, I'd give this world
- 16 Just to dream a dream with you
- 17 On our bed of California stars

weary – very tired

shine – like a bright light

Questions

Please think of this song as a story and answer the questions below.

1. What kind of person is singing this song? Who are they singing it for?

2. Where does the person singing this song live? Where is the person they're singing to?



Woody Guthrie

3. You see the words “on a bed of California stars” many times in this song. What does that mean? Is it a real bed?

4. What do these words mean to you? Why are they the last words to the song?

15 So, I'd give this world

16 Just to dream a dream with you

17 On our bed of California stars

5. Woody Guthrie was an important singer and songwriter. What kind of person do you think he was? Why do you think he wrote this song?