

California
The Airborne Toxic Event

C
Some day they re gonna write about us
G
Living here in the shadow of this gathering dust
Am **F**
As the waves build up and drown the light
C **G**
While we re hanging from buildings on a Saturday night
C
And the words she said, I could barely hear
G
Over the blare of the speakers and the smell of beer
Am **F**
When she got up to speak she lifted her dress
C **G**
I remember her face, but I forget the rest

F **C**
Here in California I was
G
Just a name and a number
Am
A face on a tumbler
F **C**
Here in California we re all
G
Stuck in the same scene
Am
All nightmares and daydreams
C F G C
In California

C
She said I got money, but I got no friends
G
As we drove through the valley in her daddy s Benz
Am **F**
She said these pills wear off, but the pain don t end
C **G**
I never thought it would matter so much to pretend

C
And the thing about her that haunts me still
G
As her hands fell down to the steering wheel
Am **F**
And a shock of light fell across her face

C **G**
She said there s only two ways out of this place

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F **C**
Oh, I hope it s clear
F **C**
There s no room for us anymore in the atmosphere
F **G**
But darling I always liked
F **G**
The desperation in your eyes
F **C** **F** **G** **C**
The way you dance in the glow of the Hollywood freeway lights

C
Someday they re gonna forget about us
G
And we ll wonder if we were ever good enough
Am **F**
It hit me last night, in this song I heard
C **G**
I remember the feeling but forget all the words

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