**GOLD IN CALIFORNIA**
**Ralph McTell**

**I heard it said that all the seams had run out**
**I heard it said in the summertime even the rivers run dry**
**But here we come all the modern forty-niners**
**All come looking for gold in California.**

**They come looking for gold in California**
**They come looking for gold in California**
**They come looking for gold in California.**
**They come looking for gold.**

**There's devils on the streets of the city of the angels**
**Parades of freaks on Hollywood Boulevard**
**Hustlers and actors ain't always on the lots**
**Getting the start is hard in California.**

**When you come looking for gold in California**
**When you come looking for gold in California**
**When you come looking for gold in California.**
**When you come looking for gold.**

**And you never know how near you are**
**Like Paul on the Damascus road**
**When the canyon sun is going down slow**
**Oh, suddenly, oh, suddenly**

**You may feel cold in California.**
**You may feel cold in California**
**You may feel cold in California**
**You may feel cold.**

**Out on the mountain just before the canyon**
**Where the sun goes down like a blazing forest fire**
**Oh you may turn around and may miss your home companions**
**For the streams below run gold in California.**

**You come looking for gold in California**
**You come looking for gold in California**
**You come looking for gold in California.**
**You come looking for gold.**

**And you never know how near you are**
**Like Paul on the Damascus road**
**When the canyon sun is going down slow**
**Oh suddenly, oh suddenly**

**You may find gold in California**
**You may find gold in California**
**You may find gold in California**
**There's gold in California, keep looking for gold**
**There's gold in California, keep looking for gold in California.**