

My California Boys

As sung by Joseph Chisholm
Recorded by George Proctor 1960
Chord Suggestions by Ian Bell

A musical score for the song "My California Boys". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 6/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, and chord suggestions are written above the notes. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the first line of the song. The second system contains the second line of the song, starting with a measure number '6'. The third system contains the third line of the song, starting with a measure number '12'. The lyrics are: "Dear son your let - ters we re - ceive, and glad to hear you're well. — As this leaves us en - joy - ing health, I'm hap - py for to tell. — With peace and plen - ty on ev - 'ry side, all in those great - est joys. — My mind doth run and dwell up - on my Cal - i - forn - ia Boys. —". The chord suggestions are: A, E, D, A, F#m, D, A, A, F#m, D, E, A, F#m, D, E, A, E, D, A, F#m, E, A.

You left your native country,
To go in search of gold
To Californy's mountain tops
To suffer heat and cold
You sickness had, and near to death
It gave you sore surprise
It made you mourn and long for home
My California boys.

You met with disappointments
To pull your courage down
But walking in upright honesty
You've always friendship found
If in that course, you've persevered
Depend upon a prize
Some future day it will repay
My California boys

They say that country is full of men
Who come from every clime
And many of them are capable
Of almost any crime
I hope you will beware of them
And such as them despise
Oh don't combine or with them join
My California boys

Although you're far away from here
I always hope and pray
That you will walk in innocence
And mind the sabbath day
Never gamble, drink nor swear
Which happiness destroys
Then don't you fear, should death appear
My California boys

I hope you'll soon be home again
Unto your native land
With plenty to reward your toils
In under your command
That I may meet you in good health
E're death will close my eyes
And in this place one more embrace
My California boys.

This song is supposed to have been composed by an Ontario woman named Annie Young in about 1854. It's about the 1849 California Gold Rush.