

California Sober (Billy Strings featuring Willie Nelson)

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[Intro]

G G G G

[Verse 1]

G G
Well, I used to like to ramble with my good-time friends and neighbors

C G
Now I find I'd rather lie awake in bed

G G
And I don't get to actin' mean when I keep my buzzes clean

A D
And keep the hard stuff and the whiskey from my head

G G
Well, I guess that's just the trouble when you're always seein' double

C G
And the lines are gettin' twice as hard to see

C G Em
I've had years I don't recall, but I'm told I had a ball

A D G
At least somebody did who looked a lot like me

[Chorus]

G G
So I'm California sober as they say

C G
And lately I can't find no other way

C G Em
I can't stay out and party like I did back in the day

A D G
So I'm California sober as they say

[Instrumental over chorus]

[Verse 2]

G **G**
Well, I heard out in the hills, they got pills to get their thrills
C **G**
And they love their liquor down in New Orleans
G **G**
Maybe for a New York minute, sugarcane will fit the bill
A **D**
But in no time flat, you're out of what you need
G **G**
The old crew don't get together anymore these days much ever
C **G**
After some went straight and some went straight to jail
C **G** **Em**
Now they're busy postin' vids and just tryin' to raise their kids
A **D** **G**
Instead of raisin' holy hell and postin' bail

[Chorus]

[Outro]

G **G**
I was California sober 'til I thought the world was over
C **G**
Now I'm sittin' on the roadside once again
C **G** **Em**
When that wagon passes by, I don't even bat an eye
A7 **D** **G**
Because the devil on my shoulder always wins
C **G** **Em**
When that ol' wagon passes by, I don't even bat an eye
Em **G** **D** **G**
Because the devil on my shoulder always wins