



CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

Marc Labelle, John Notto, Justin Smolian, Corey Coverstone

DIRTY HONEY

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Dirt Records

The lead single from the album **Dirty Honey**. Chart: #12 Mainstream Rock.

Recorded at Henson Studios, Hollywood, California, USA. Produced by **Nick DiDia**.

Yes, that is Henson, Jim Henson's studio, creator of the Muppets. California is the place where dreams are fulfilled. But that is only for the fortunate few....not the majority. Dirty Honey noticed that most songs about the state tended to portray the rags to riches story, and there were not many dark songs. One song, more than most, stood out. It was time to tear the myth down. They decided to take on the 1966 hippie, flower power, folky song directly....The Mamas & The Papas "California Dreamin'" directly. And using the same name.

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Personnel

Marc Labelle - lead vocals
John Notto - guitar
Justin Smolian - bass
Corey Coverstone - drums

Marc Labelle - 2021:Q104.3/Out of the Box with Jonathan Clarke

"I really struggled with writing a song about California dreaming. Then when I took a dive into songs about California, there weren't a lot of dark songs about it. Lyrically, I wanted to change the tone a little bit and tell the story that's honestly more prominent than the glitz and glam of Hollywood, which is that people usually don't make it. It's not the greatest experience ever, coming out here and chasing your dreams. It's a struggle, man. Usually it doesn't turn out well."

Marc Labelle 2021:Press Release

"Lots of people come out to California, chasing a dream, and sometimes, people just don't make it. California isn't always the 'land of milk and honey,' dreams don't always come true here, and that's the perspective this song and video take. The video is a dream through California that showcases the good, the bad, and the ugly."

Marc Labelle - 2021:Rolling Stone

"A lot of people end up moving back to where they came from because they didn't achieve the fame and fortune that they were dreaming of. It can be a pretty dark place, and that's where I wanted to take the lyrics. It's kind of a dark song and it came from a place that's autobiographical, but fortunately, at least now, things feel like they're looking up."

YOU TUBE STUDIO TRACK OFFICIAL VIDEO

YOU TUBE LYRIC VIDEO

YOU TUBE LIVE 2022, Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

THE MAKING OF "CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'"

THE MAMAS & THE PAPAS SONG, 1966

For forty days and forty nights
Her rain would fall on me
The tunnel's end that saw no light
Nothing was left to believe

But time rolled on like a river
Rolling fast everyday
I couldn't wait for the winter
To change my summer ways

It's so easy
It's so easy

I'm California dreamin'
And it's tearing us apart
It's paranoia season
It's in our mind and our hearts

Ain't no rest for the weary
Crossing the desert at night
Now that I could see clearly
I was just a slave to the grind

It's so easy
It's so easy
It's so easy
Lord, It's so easy

Now I'm California dreamin'
And it's tearing us apart
It's paranoia season
It's in our mind and our hearts

It's so easy
It's so easy
It's so damn easy
It's so easy

I'm California dreamin'
And it's tearing us apart
It's paranoia season
It's in our mind and our hearts

I'm California dreamin'
California dreaming
I'm California dream
It's tearing us apart...