

Phil Ochs, Bracero

Capo 2nd fret

Intro:Em

Em

D

Wade into the river, through the rippling shallow water

C

B7

Steal across the thirsty border, bracero

Em

D

Come bring your hungry bodies to the golden fields of plenty

C

B7

From a peso to a penny, bracero

C

D

G

Em

Oh, Welcome to California

Am

D

Em

Where the friendly farmer will take care of you

Come labor for your mother, your father and your brother

For your sister and your lover, bracero

Come pick the fruit of yellow, break the flower from the berry

Purple grapes will fill your belly, bracero

Oh, Welcome to California

Where the friendly farmer will take care of you

And the sun will bite your body, as the dust will draw you thirsty

While your muscles beg for mercy, bracero

In the shade of your sombrero, drop your sweat upon the soil

Like the fruit your youth can spoil, bracero

Oh, Welcome to California

Where the friendly farmer will take care of you

When the weary night embraces, sleep in shacks that could be cages

They will take it from your wages, bracero

Come sing about tomorrow with a jingle of the dollar

And forget your crooked collar, bracero

Oh, Welcome to California

Where the friendly farmer will take care of you

And the local men are lazy, and they make too much of trouble

Besides we'd have to pay the double, bracero

But if you feel you're fallin', if you find the pace is killing

There are others who are willing, bracero

Oh, Welcome to California

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