California Earthquake ¾ Time

Verse 1
G              C           G
There was a California earthquake in the year of '83
Em            G            A          D
It shook the living daylights out of the Owens County Seat
G                                   C                G
There weren't a building still left standing when the dust had cleared away
Em            G                D              G
Just a rumble in the distance all the way to San Andrea

Verse 2
Sherman Buck was driving his old mule into town
When a big one came and shook so hard that it knocked him to the ground
Lord there opened up a hole so big he thought his time was up
Lord it swallowed up that poor old mule and it just missed Sherman Buck

Chorus:
C                                G
California earthquake you just don't know what you've done
Em                 A             D
We may fall off in the ocean, Lord you'll never make us run
G                             C               G
You're a partner to the devil, Lord we ain't afraid of him
Em                G                     D             G
We'll build ourselves another town so you can tear it down again

Verse 3
Then came the quake of '99 that levelled Mission Creek
The earth was like an ocean churning with waves of twenty feet
Lord it sounded like a thousand trains were screaming underground
Clean across to San Joachim they heard that mournful sound

Chorus

Verse 4
Then came one day the holocaust Lord on rocks of Francisco Bay
Miles of walls came down like old Jericho that day
Might near everything the earthquake missed a holy fire consumed
Just left 'em smoke and the ashes of the dreams that can't be ruined

Chorus and Repeat to close
Em                G                     D             G
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