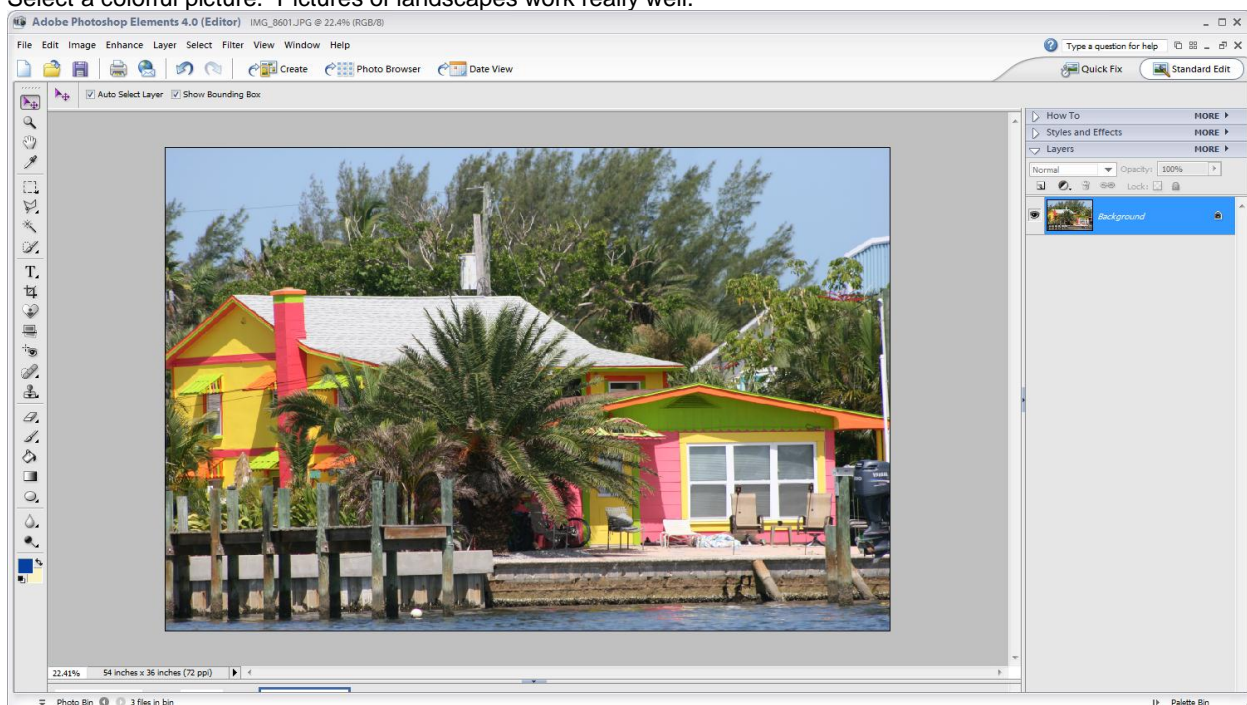


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Fast HDR (High Dynamic Range) Effect

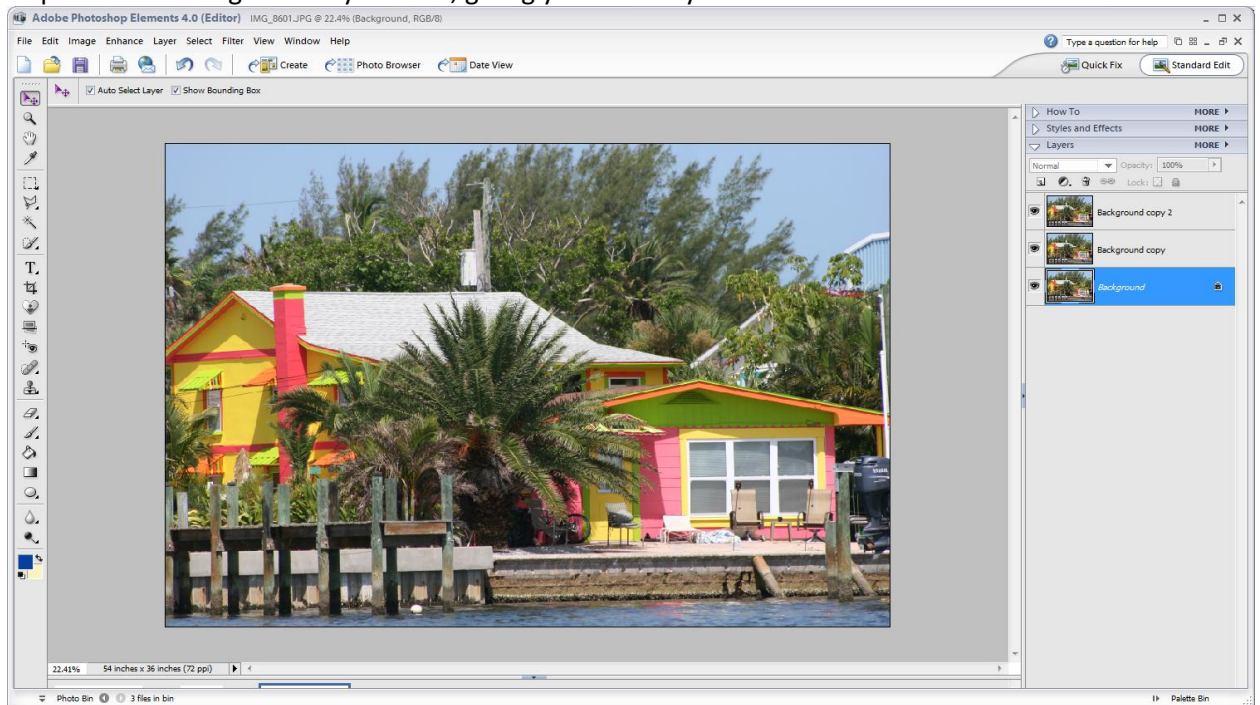


1. Select a colorful picture. Pictures of landscapes work really well.

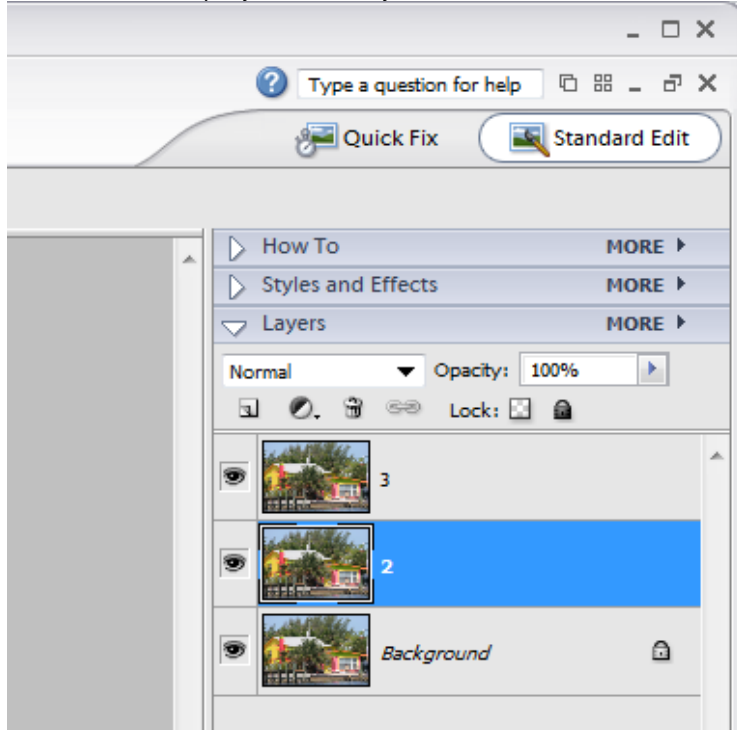


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2. Duplicate the Background layer twice, giving you three layers.

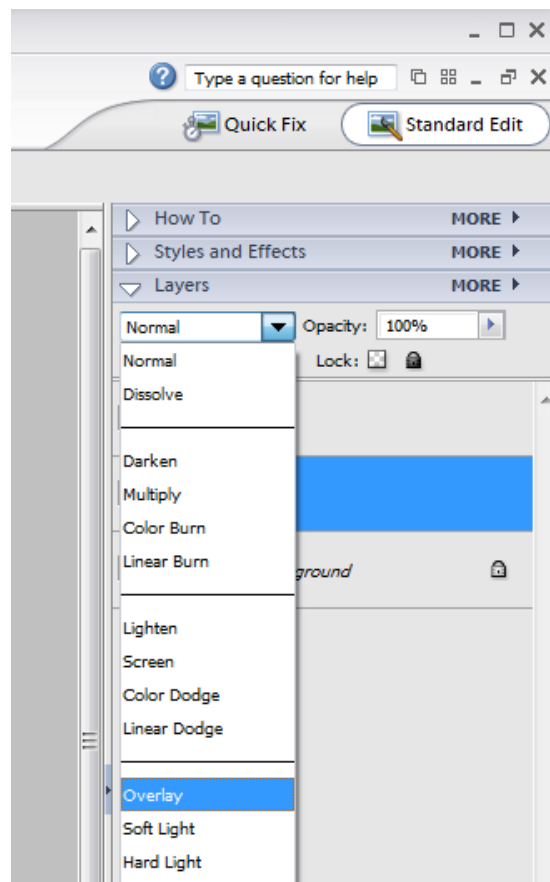
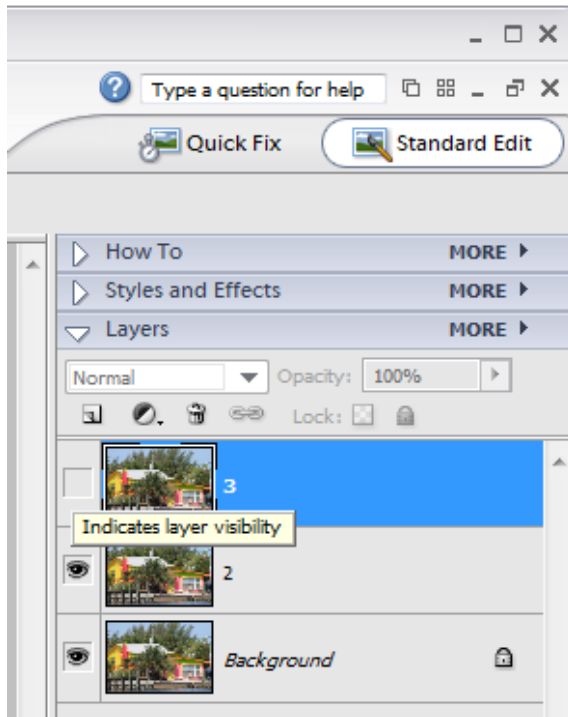


3. Double click the top layer on the Layers bar and rename it "3". Now, rename the middle layer "2".



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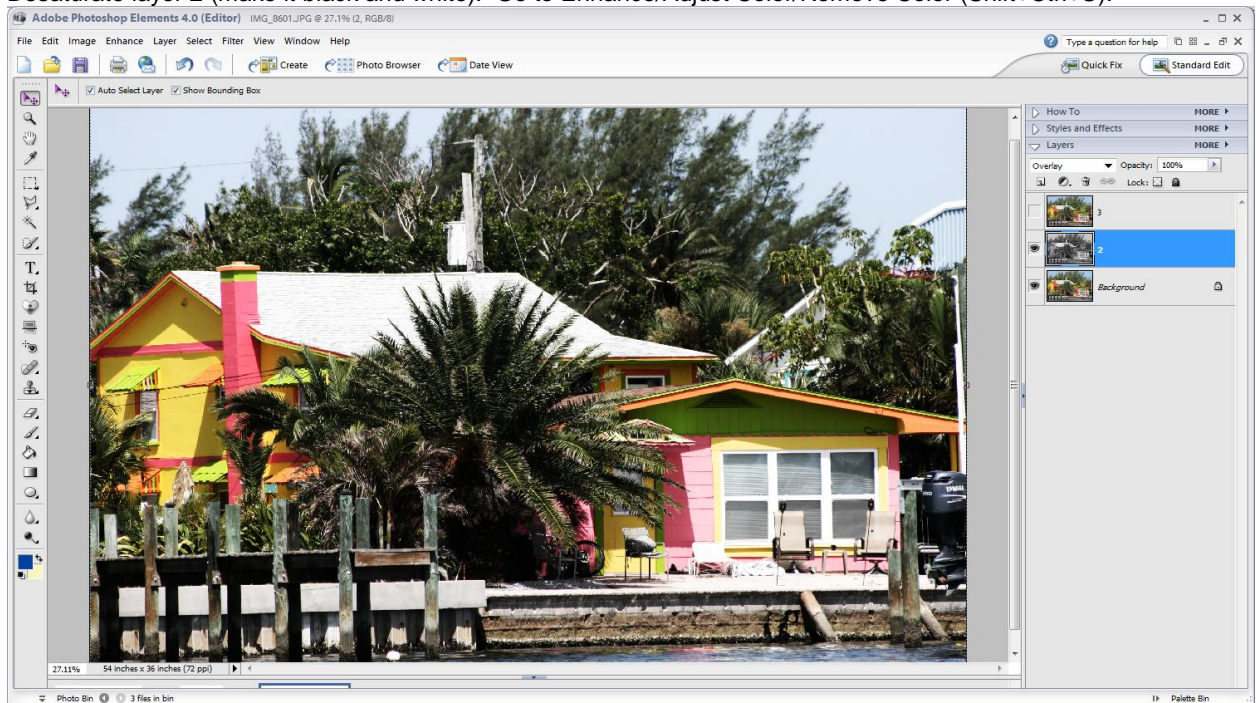
- Hide layer 3 by poking it in the eye.



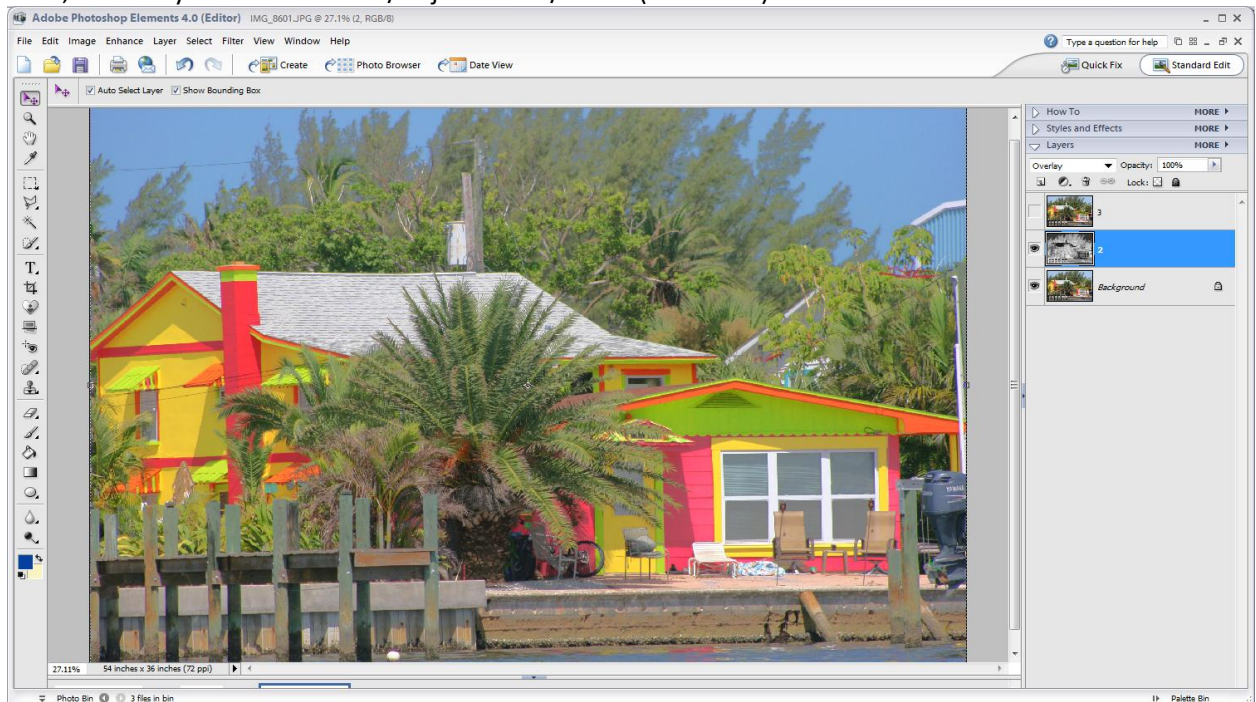
- Set the Blending Mode of layer 2 to Overlay.

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6. Desaturate layer 2 (make it black and white). Go to Enhance/Adjust Color/Remove Color (Shift+Ctrl+U).

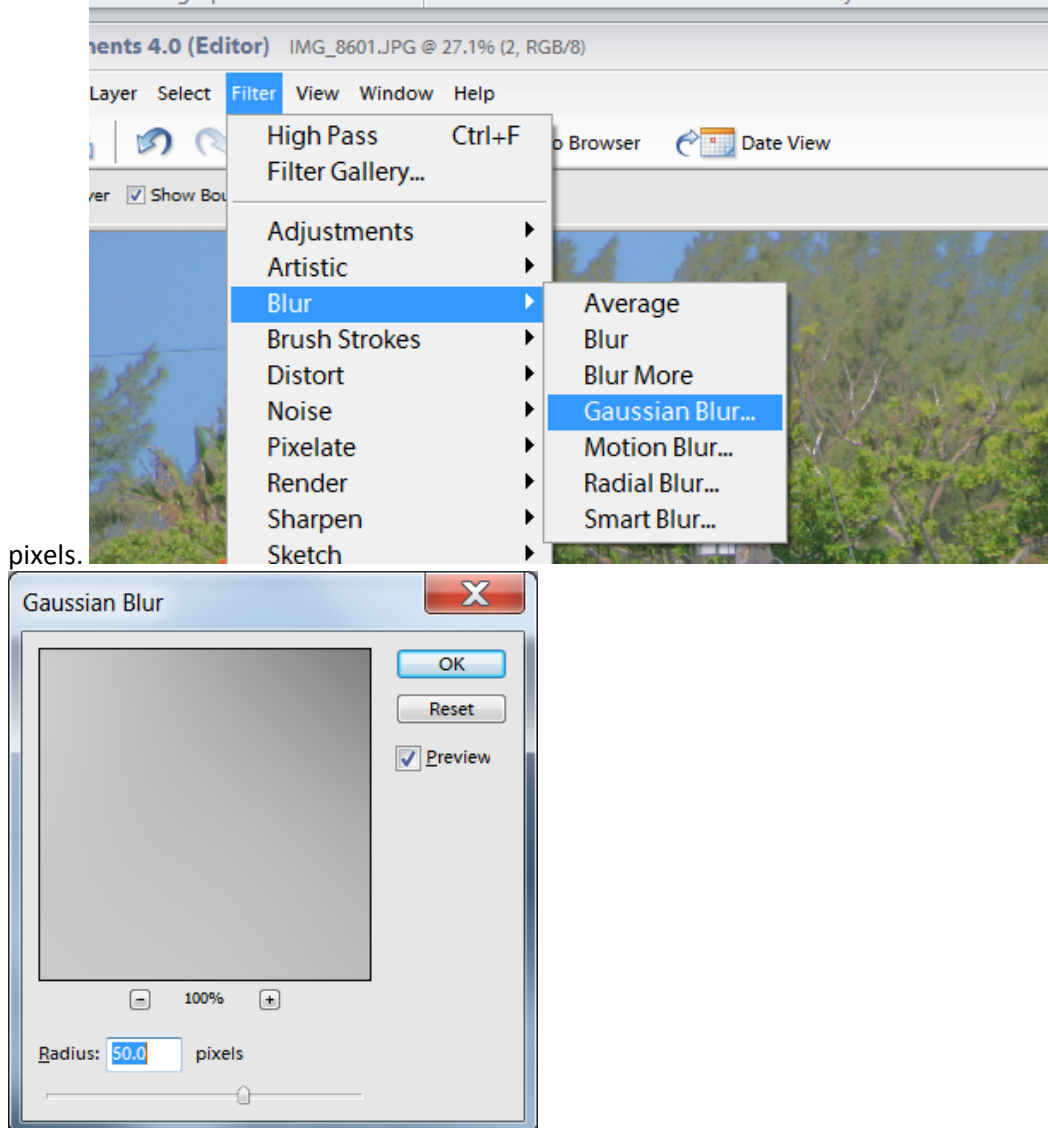


7. Now, invert layer 2. Go to Filter/Adjustments/Invert (Control+I).



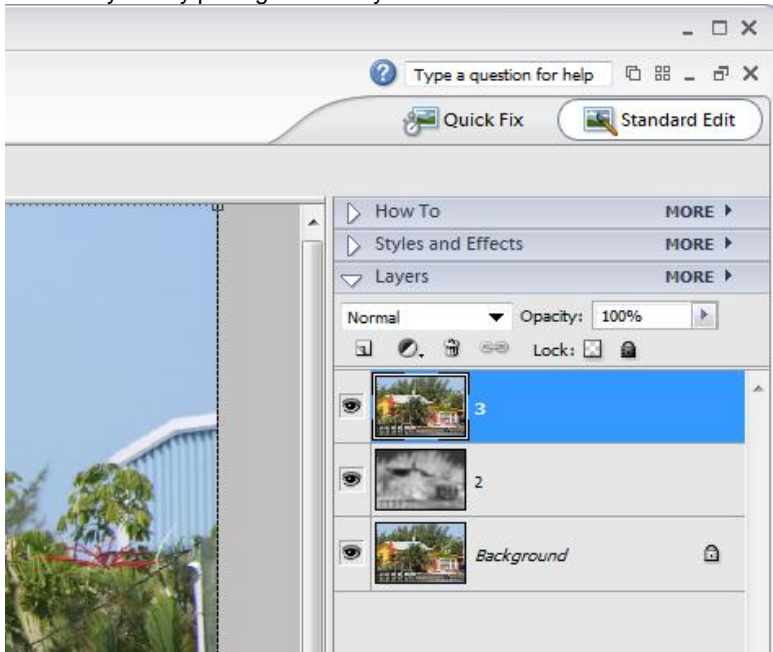
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8. Add a Gaussian Blur to layer 2. Go to Filter/Blur/Gaussian Blur. Add a Radius to the blur of 50



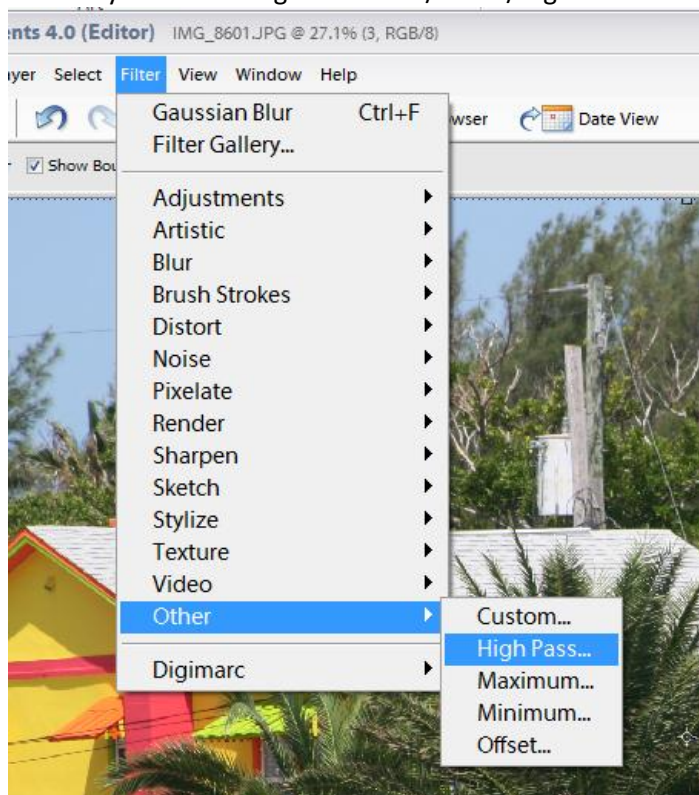
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9. Unhide layer 3 by poking it in the eye.



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10. Select layer 3 and navigate to Filter/Other/High Pass. Select a Radius of 60 pixels.



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11. Change the blending mode of layer 3 to Overlay and you are done. Feel free to tweak your picture. If you would like moderate looking HDR reduce Opacity of the 3rd layer, if you'd like to give it a punch duplicate the layer.

