

## City of New Orleans [C]

intro[Bb] [F] [G7] [C]

[C] Riding on the [G] City of New [C] Orleans,  
[Am] Illinois Central [F] Monday morning [C] rail  
[C] Fifteen cars and [G] fifteen restless [C] riders,  
Three con [Am] ductors and [G7] twenty-five sacks of [C] mail.  
All a [Am] long the southbound odyssey the [Em] train pulls out at Kankakee  
And [G] rolls along past houses, farms and [D] fields.  
[Am] Passin' trains that have no names, [Em] freight yards full of old black men  
And the [G] graveyards of the [G7] rusted automo[C]biles. [C7]

Chorus

[F] Good morning A- [G7] -merica how [C] are you?  
[Am] Don't you know me [F] I'm your native [C] son [G7]  
I'm the [C] train they call The [G] City of New [Am] Orleans, [D7]  
I'll be [Bb] gone five [F] hundred [G7] miles when the day is [C] done.

Dealin' [C] card games with the [G] young man in the [C] club car.  
[Am] Penny a point ain't [F] no one keepin' [C] score.  
[C] Pass the paper [G] bag that holds the [C] bottle  
[Am] Feel the wheels [G7] rumblin' beneath the [C] floor.  
And the [Am] sons of pullman porters and the [Em] sons of engineers  
Ride their [G] father's magic carpets made of [D] steel.  
[Am] Mothers with their babes asleep, are [Em] rockin' to the gentle beat  
And the [G] rhythm of the [G7] rails is all they [C] feel.

Chorus

[C] Night-time on The [G] City of New [C] Orleans,  
[Am] Changing cars in [F] Memphis, Tennes-[C]-see.  
[C] Half way home, and [G] we'll be there by [C] morning  
Through the [Am] Mississippi darkness [G7] rolling down to the [C] sea.  
And [Am] all the towns and people seem to [Em] fade into a bad dream  
And the [G] steel rails still ain't heard the [D] news.  
The con-[Am]-ductor sings his song again, the [Em] passengers will please refrain  
This [G] train has got the disap [G7] pearing railroad [C] blues. [C7]

[F] Good night A- [G7] -merica how [C] are you?  
[Am] Don't you know me [F] I'm your native [C] son [G7]  
I'm the [C] train they call The [G] City of New [Am] Orleans, [D7]  
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