

The City of New Orleans

[Intro]

G for 2 bars

G **D** **G**
Riding on the City of New Orleans
Em **C** **G**
Illinois Central Monday morning rail
G **D** **G**
Fifteen cars and fifteen restless riders
Em **D** **G**
Three conductors and twenty-five sacks of mail
Em **Bm**
All along the south bound odyssey, the train pulls out of Kenkakee
D **A**
Rolls along past houses farms and fields
Em **Bm**
Passing trains that have no name, freight yards full of old black men
D **D7** **G**
And the graveyards of rusted automobiles???Chorus

[Chorus]

C **D7** **G**
Good morning America, how are you? (night at 3rd chorus)
Em **C** **G** **D7** **D9**
Say, don't you know me, I'm your native son
G **D** **Em** **Em7** **A7**
I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
Bb **C** **D** **D9** **G**
I'll be gone five hundred miles when the day is done

G **D** **G**
Dealing card games with the old men in the club car
Em **C** **G**
Penny a point ain't no one keeping score
G **D** **G**
Pass the paper bag that holds the bottle
Em **D** **G**
Feel the wheels rumbling 'neath the floor
Em **Bm**
And the sons of Pullman porters and the sons of engineers
D **A**
Ride their father's magic carpets made of steel
Em **Bm**
Mothers with their babes asleep rocking to the gentle beat
D **D7** **G**
And the rhythm of the rails is all they feel???Chorus

G **D** **G**
Nighttime on the City of New Orleans

Em **C** **G**
Changing cars in Memphis Tennessee

G **D** **G**
Half way home we'll be there by morning

Em **D** **G**
through the Mississippi darkness rolling down to the sea

Em **Bm**
But all the towns and people seem to fade into a bad dream

D **A**
And the steel rail still ain't heard the news

Em **Bm**
The conductor sings his songs again, the passengers will please refrain

D **D7** **G**
This train got the disappearing railroad blues???Chorus