

City of New Orleans

written by Steve Goodman
and performed by Arlo Guthrie



G Riding on the City of New Orleans
Em

G Illinois Central Monday morning rail
D

Em Fifteen cars and fifteen restless riders
D

Em Three conductors and twenty-five sacks of mail
Bm

D All along the south bound odyssey, the train pulls out of Kenkakee
A

Em Rolls along past houses farms and fields
Bm

D Passing trains that have no name, freight yards of old black men
D7

C And graveyards of rusted automobiles.

Em Good morning America, how are you?
D7

G Say, don't you know me, I'm your native son
Em

Bb I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
D

D7 I'll be gone five hundred miles when the day is done
G

G Dealing card games with the old men in the club car
Em

C Penny a point ain't no one keeping score
G

D Pass the paper bag but hold the bottle
Em

G Feel the wheels rumbling 'neath the floor
Em

Em And the sons of Pullman porters and the sons of engineers
Bm

D Ride their father's magic carpets made of steel
A

Em Mother with her babes asleep rocking to the gentle beat
Bm

D And the rhythm of the rails is all they feel
G

C Good morning America, how are you?
Em

D7 Say, don't you know me, I'm your native son
G

Em I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
A7

Bb I'll be gone five hundred miles when the day is done
D

D Nighttime on the City of New Orleans
G

Em Changing cars in Memphis Tennessee
G

D Halfway home we'll be there by morning
Em

D through the Mississippi darkness rolling down to the sea
Em

A But all the towns and people seem to fade into a dark dream
Bm

D And the steel rail still ain't heard the news
Bm

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

D7 This train got the disappearing railroad blues

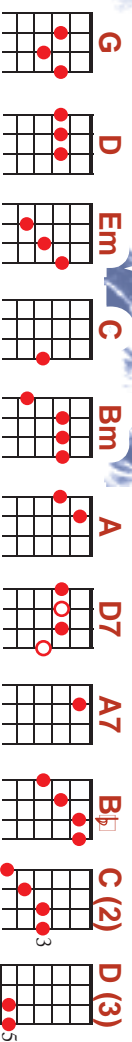
C Good night America, how are you?
Em

D Say, don't you know me, I'm your native son
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A7 I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
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