

City Of New Orleans

Lyrics And Tab

(By Willie Nelson)

Intro - D and Dsus

D A7 D Bm G D
Ridin' on the City of New Orleans ... Illinois Central, Monday mornin' rail
A7 D Bm A7 D
15 cars ... and 15 restless riders ... three conductors and 25 sacks of mail
Bm Gbm
All along the southbound odyssey ... the train pulls out of Kankakee
A E
Rolls along past houses, farms and fields
Bm Gbm
Passin' graves that have no name ... freight yards full of old black men
A A7 D D7
And the graveyards of rusted automobiles

G A7 D
Good mornin' America how are you?
Bm G D
Don't you know me I'm your native son
A7 D A7 Bm Bm/A E/G#
I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
C C/B A7 D
I'll be gone 500 miles when the day is done

A7 D
Dealin' cards with the old men in the club car
Bm G D
Penny a point ain't no one keepin' score
A7 D Bm A7 D
Pass the paper bag that holds the bottle ... and feel the wheels rumblin' neath the floor
Bm Gbm
And the sons of Pullman porters and the sons of engineers
A E
Ride their fathers' magic carpets made of steel
Bm Gbm
Mothers with their babes asleep, rockin' to the gentle beat
A A7 D
And the rhythm of the rails is all they feel

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BREAK D - A7 - D - Bm - G - D - A - D - A7 - Bm - Bm/A - E/G# - C C/B - A7 - D

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Night time on the City of New Orleans ... changin' cars in Memphis Tennessee

Halfway home we'll be there by mornin'

Thru the Mississippi darkness rollin' down to the sea

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

And the steel rail still ain't heard the news

The conductor sings his songs again ... the passengers will please refrain

This train got the disappearing railroad blues

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