City of New Orleans
Arlo Guthrie

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G           D         G
Riding on the City of New Orleans
Em          C           G
Illinois Central, Monday morning rail
         G           D           G
There's fifteen cars and fifteen restless riders
           Em          D           G
Three conductors and twenty five sacks of mail

          Em
All along the south bound odyssey
        Bm
The train pulls out of Kankikee
D                               A
Rolls along past houses, farms and fields
    Em
Passing trains that have no names
       Bm
And freight yards full of old black men
            D               D7          G
And the graveyards of the rusted automobiles

        C           D         G
Good mornin America, how are you?
          Em              C           G
I said don't you know me, I'm your native son
D       G               D           Em
I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
          A#      C       D           D7      G          G
I'll be gone five hundred miles when the day is done

      G                 D           G
Dealin card games with the old men in the club car
    Em              C           G
A penny a point,  ain't no one keepin score
   G           D               G
Pass the paper bag that holds the bottle
  Em          D           G
Feel the wheels rumblin' 'neath the floor

          Em
And the sons of Pullman porters
          Bm
And the sons of engineers
            D                   A
Ride their fathers magic carpets made of steel
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        Em
The mothers with their babes asleep
        Bm
Go rockin to the gentle beat
            D           D7          G
And the rhythm of the rails is all they feel

        C           D       G
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            Em              C       G
I said don't you know me, I'm your native son
D       G               D       Em
I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
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 G          D       G
Night time on the City of New Orleans
        Em          C           G
We're changing cars in Memphis, Tennessee
 G              D           G
Halfway home and we'll be there by morning
            Em              D           G
Through the Mississippi darkness rollin down to the sea

        Em
But all the towns and people seem
        Bm
To fade into a bad dream
            D                       A
And the steel rail still ain't heard the news
            Em
The conductor sings his songs again
        Bm
The passengers will please refrain
        D                   D7          G
This train got to disappear in railroad news

        C           D       G
Good Night America, how are you?
            Em              C       G
I said don't you know me, I'm your native son
D       G               D       Em
I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
            A#      C       D           D7      G           G
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C       D   G
Em  C   G
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