

City of New Orleans (Steve Goodman)

C **G7** **C**
 Riding on the city of New Orleans
Am **F** **C**
 Illinois Central Monday morning rail
 G7 **C**
 Fifteen cars and fifteen restless riders
Am **G7** **C**
 Three conductors and twenty five sacks of mail
 Am
 All along the southbound Odyssey
 Em
 The train pulls out of Kankakee
 G7 **D7**
 And rolls along past houses farms and fields
Am
 Passing trains that have no name
 Em
 And freight yards full of old black men
 G7 **C**
 And the graveyards of the rusted automobiles

Chorus:

F **G7** **C**
 Good morning America how are you
 Am **F** **C**
 Say don't you know me I'm your native son
G7 **C** **G7** **Am**
 I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
 Bb **G7** **C**
 I'll be gone five hundred miles when the day is done

G7 **C**
 Dealing card game with the old men in the club car
Am **F** **C**
 Penny a point ain't no one keeping score
 G7 **C**
 Pass the paper bag that holds the bottle
Am **G7** **C**
 Feel the wheels rumbling 'neath the floor
 Am
 And the sons of Pullman porters
 Em
 And the sons of engineers
 G7 **D7**
 Ride their fathers' magic carpet made of steel
Am
 Mothers with their babes a sleep
Em
 Rocking to the gentle beat
 G7 **C**
 And the rhythm of the rails is all they feel

(Chorus)

G7 **C**
 Nighttime on the City of New Orleans
Am **F** **C**
 Changing cars in Memphis Tennessee
 G7 **C**
 Halfway home and we'll be there by morning
Am **G7**
 Through the Mississippi darkness rolling down to the
C
 sea
 Am
 And all the towns and people seem
 Em
 To fade into a bad dream
 G7 **D7**
 And the steel rail still ain't heard the news
 Am
 The conductor sings his songs again
 Em
 The passengers will please refrain
 G7 **C**
 This train got the disappearing railroad blues

(Chorus) (GOOD NIGHT) (Repeat last line to end)

