City of New Orleans (Steve Goodman) 802 Αm C Riding on the City of New Orleans Illinois central Monday morning rail Fifteen cars and fifteen restless riders Three conductors and twenty five sacks of mail Em D7 All along the southbound Odyssey ø Em Ø The train pulls out of Kankakee 0 **D7** And rolls along the houses farms and fields (Chorus) Passing towns that have no name C Nighttime on the City of New Orleans And freight yards full of old black men Changing cars in Memphis Tennessee And the graveyards of the rusted automobiles Halfway home and we'll be there by morning **Chorus:** Through the Mississippi darkness rolling down to the C Good morning America how are you sea Am Say don't you know me I'm your native son And all the towns and people seem Em I'm ~ the train they call the City of New Orleans To fade into a bad dream **D7** I'll be gone five hundred miles when the day is done And the steel rail still ain't heard the news The conductor sings his song again Dealing cards with the old men in the club car Em The passengers will please refrain Penny a point ain't no one keeping score This train's got the disappearing railroad blues Pass the paper bag that holds the bottle (Chorus) (Good Night, America) Am Feel the wheels grumbling 'neath the floor **BARITONE** And the sons of Pullman porters Em And the sons of engineers 0 O Ride their fathers' magic carpet made of steel Mothers with their babes a sleep A7 Bh Em

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A rocking to the gentle beat

And the rhythm of the rail is all they feel