

City Of New Orleans by Arlo Guthrie (Capo 4th)

[Intro] G-----G-----G-----G-----

[Verse 1]

G D G G
Riding on the City of New Orleans
Em C G D
Illinois Central, Monday morning rail
G D G G
Fifteen cars and fifteen restless riders
Em D G G
Three conductors and twenty-five sacks of mail.
Em Em Bm Bm
All along the south bound odyssey, the train pulls out of Kankakee
D D A A
Rolls along past houses, farms and fields
Em Em Bm Bm
Passing trains that have no name, freight yards full of old black men
D D7 G G
And the graveyards of the rusted automobiles.

[Chorus]

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

[Verse 2]

G D G G
Dealing card games with the old men in the club car
Em C G D
Penny a point, ain't no one keeping score

G **D** **G** **G**
 Pass the paper bag that holds the bottle
Em **D** **G** **G**
 Feel the wheels rumblin' 'neath the floor
Em **Em** **Bm** **Bm**
 And the sons of Pullman porters and the sons of engineers
D **D** **A** **A**
 Ride their fathers' magic carpets made of steel
Em **Em** **Bm** **Bm**
 Mothers with their babes asleep, rockin' to the gentle beat
D **D7** **G** **G**
 And the rhythm of the rails is all they feel.

[← Back to Chorus]

[Verse 3]

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

[← Back to Chorus *say "good night" instead of "good morning".]