

City of New Orleans (Goodman)

INTRO: 1st 2 lines chords

D **A** **D** **Bm** **G** **D** **A7**
Riding on the City of New Orleans Illinois Central, Monday morning rail
D **A** **D** **Bm** **A** **D**
Fifteen cars and fifteen restless riders Three conductors and twenty-five sacks of mail.
Bm **F#m**
All along the south bound odyssey, the train pulls out of Kankakee
A **E** **Esus4** **E**
And rolls along past houses, farms and fields
Bm **F#m**
Passing towns that have no name, freight yards full of old black men
A **A7** **D** **D7**
And the graveyards of the rusted automobiles.

CHORUS

G **A** **D** **Bm** **G** **D** **A7**
Good morning America, how are you? Say, don't you know me, I'm your native son.
D **A** **Bm** **E7** **C** **G** **A** **D**
I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans I'll be gone 500 miles when the day is done.

D **A** **D** **Bm** **G** **D** **A7**
Dealing cards with the old men in the club car Penny a point, ain't no one keeping score
D **A** **D** **Bm** **A** **D**
Pass the paper bag that holds the bottle Feel the wheels a'rumblin' 'neath the floor
Bm **F#m**
And the sons of Pullman porters and the sons of engineers
A **E** **Esus4** **E**
Ride their fathers' magic carpets made of steel
Bm **F#m**
Mothers with their babes asleep, rockin' to the gentle beat
A **A7** **D** **D7**
And the rhythm of the rails is all they feel.

CHORUS

D **A** **D** **Bm** **G** **D** **A7**
Nighttime on the City of New Orleans Changing cars in Memphis, Tennessee
D **A** **D**
Halfway home, we'll be there by morning
Bm **A** **D**
Through the Mississippi darkness rolling down to the sea
Bm **F#m**
But all the towns and people seem to fade into a bad dream
A **E** **Esus4** **E**
And the steel rail still ain't heard the news
Bm **F#m**
The conductor sings his songs again, the passengers will please refrain
A **A7** **D** **D7**
This train got the disappearing railroad blues.

CHORUS (twice)