

G . . . D . G . The City of New Orleans - Arlo Guthrie #18 in '72 6/11/24

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

C **D7** **G** **Em**
Good morning America how are you say don't you know me
C **G** **D7** **G** **D** **Em** **A7**
I'm your native son I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
Bb **C** **D** **D7** **G**
I'll be gone five hundred miles when the day is done

D **G** **Em** **C**
Dealing card games with the old men in the club car penny a point ain't no
G **D** **G** **Em**
One keeping score Pass the paper bag that holds the bottle feel the wheels
D **G** **Em** **Bm**
Rumbling 'neath the floor And the sons of Pullman porters and the sons of
D **A** **Em**
Engineers ride their father's magic carpets made of steel Mother with her
Bm **D** **D7** **G**
Babes asleep rocking to the gentle beat and the rhythm of the rails is all they feel

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

C **D7** **G** **Em** **C** **G** **D7**
Good night America how are you say don't you know me I'm your native son
G **D** **Em** **A7**
I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans *(repeat last two lines)*
Bb **C** **D** **D7** **G** **Outro . . . G!**
I'll be gone five hundred miles when the day is done