City of New Orleans



Ri- ding on the Ci- ty of New Or- leans,

Illi- nois Cen- tral Mon- day mor- ning rail,



Fif- teen cars and fif- teen rest- less ri- ders,

Three con- duc- tors twen- ty five sacks of



mail.

All a- long the south- bound Od- ys- sey the train pulls out of Kan- ka- kee and



rolls a- long the hou-ses farms and fields;

Pas- sing towns that had no names and



freight yards full of old black men and the grave- yards of the rus- ted au- to- me- biles.



Good mor- nong A- me- ri- ca how are you,

Say don't you know me,



I'm your na- tive son,

I'm the train they call the Ci-ty of New Or-leans,



I'll be gone five hun-dred miles when the day is done.