

Riding on the City of New Orleans,
 Illinois Central, rail.
 cars and fifteen restless riders,
 three conductors and twenty-five sacks of
 All the southbound Odyssey,
 the pulls out of Kankakee,
 rolling along past houses, and
 Passin' towns that have
 freight yards full of old black
 and the graveyards of the automobiles.
 Good morning, America. How are you?
 Don't you me, I'm your native son.
 I'm the train they the City of New Orleans
 and I'll be five hundred miles when the day is done.
 Dealing card with the old men in the club car
 Penny a point, no keeping score.
 Pass the paper bag, that holds the
 You can feel the, rumbling 'neath the floor.
 And the of Pullman porters and the sons of engineers
 Ride their Father's magic carpet made of
 sing their babes to sleep
 rocking to the beat
 and the rhythm of the rails is all they
 Good morning, America ...
 Night time on the City of New Orleans,
 cars in Memphis, Tennessee.
 Half way and we'll be there by morning,
 through the Mississippi rolling down to the sea.
 But all the and people seem
 to fade into a bad
 the steel rail still ain't heard the
 The conductor sings his song
 the will please refrain.
 train's got the disappearing railroad blues.
 Good night, America ...

The **City of New Orleans** is a nightly passenger train. Operated by **Amtrak**, it travels 926 miles between Chicago, Illinois and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Before Amtrak's beginnings in 1971, the train was operated by the **Illinois Central Railroad**.



riding on the train	Zug fahren
Illinois Central	(railroad line)
rail	Geleise
mail	Post
along	entlang
southbound	südwärts
Odyssey	Odyssee
pull out	aus ... fahren
past	an... vorbei
freight	Fracht
yard	Hof
graveyard	Friedhof
rust	rosten
native	eingeboren
deal cards	Spiel ausgeben
rumble	rumpeln
beneath	unter
magic carpet	fliegender Teppich
rock	schaukeln
gentle	sanft
beat	schlagender Rhythmus
change cars	Wagen wechseln
fade	zerrinnen
ain't	haven't, isn't etc.
refrain	als Refrain singen
disappear	verschwinden