

City Of New Orleans

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Difficulty: intermediate

Tuning: [E A D G B E](#)

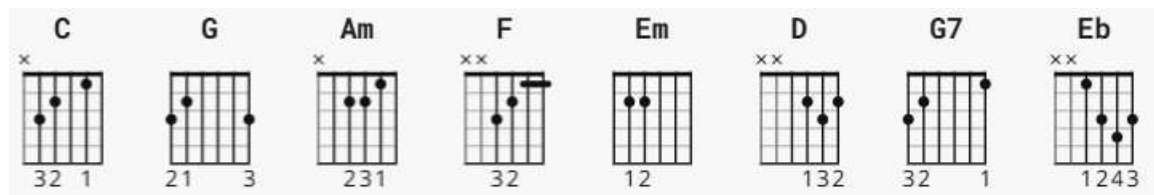
Key: D

Capo: 2nd fret

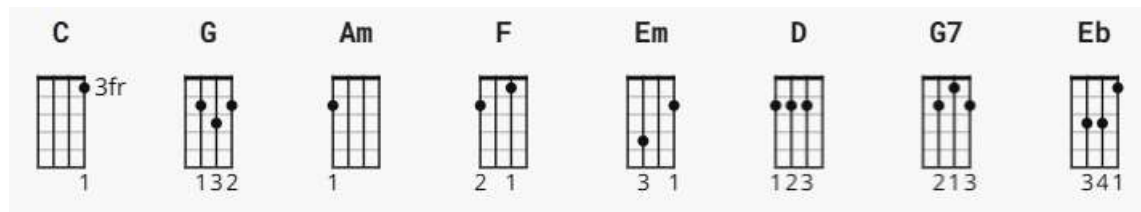
Timing: 4/4

Chords

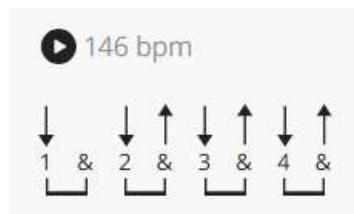
Guitar



Ukulele



Strumming



[Intro]

C C C C

[Verse]

C G C
Riding on the City of New OrleansAm F C
Illinois Central, Monday morning railC G C
There's fifteen cars and fifteen restless ridersAm G C
Three conductors and twenty five sacks of mailAm
All along the south bound odyssey,Em
the train pulls out at KankakeeG D
Rolls along past houses, farms and fieldsAm
Passing trains that have no namesEm
And freight yards full of old black menG [G7] C
And the graveyards of the rusted automobiles

[Verse]

C G C
Dealing cards with the old men in the club carAm F C
A penny a point, there ain't no one keeping scoreC G C
Pass the paper bag that holds the bottleAm G C
I can feel the wheels a-grumbling 'neath the floorAm
And the sons of Pullman portersEm
And the sons of engineersG D
Ride their fathers magic carpet made of steelAm
And the mothers with their babes asleepEm
Go rocking to the gentle beatG [G7] C
And the rhythm of the rails is all they feel

[Chorus]

F G C
Good morning America, how are you?Am F C
I said don't you know me, I'm your native sonG C G Am
I'm the train they call the City of New OrleansEb F G [G7]
I'll be gone five hundred miles when the day isC C C C
done

[Chorus]

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[Verse]

C **G** **C**
 Night time on the City of New Orleans
 Am **F** **C**
 We're changing cars for Memphis, Tennessee
 C **G**
 We're halfway home and we'll be there by
C
 morning
 Am **G**
 Through the Mississippi darkness rolling down to
C
 the sea
 Am
 And all the towns and people seem
 Em
 To fade into a bad dream
 G **D**
 And the steel rail still ain't heard the news
 Am
 The conductor sings his songs again
 Em
 The passengers will please refrain
 G **[G7]** **C**
 This train's got the disappearing railroad blues

[Chorus]

F **G** **C**
 Good morning America, how are you?
 Am **F** **C**
 I said don't you know me, I'm your native son
G **C** **G** **Am**
 I'm the train they call the City of New Orleans
 Eb **F** **G** **[G7]**
 I'll be gone five hundred miles when the day is
C
 done

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C **C**
 done
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C **C** **C** **C**
 done