

New Orleans is Sinking

Key: Em

Tragically Hip

Intro

Em (x 4)

Em (Riff x 4)

Verse 1

Em

Bourbon Blues, on the street, loose and complete

Em

Under skies of smokey blue -green

A C A C

I cant forsake a dixie dead shake

Em

So we danced the sidewalk clean

B

A

My memory is muddy, what's this river that I'm in?

Em

Hey New Orleans is sinkin, man and I dont want to swim

Em (Riff x 4)

Verse 2

Em

Colonel Tom, what's wrong? What's going on?

Em

You can't tie yourself up for a deal

A C A C

He said, Hey, north, you're south, shut your big mouth

Em

You gotta do what you feel is real

B

A

Ain't got no picture postcards, ain't got no souvenirs

Em

My baby she don't know me when I'm thinking bout those years

Solo

Em

Em (Riff x 4)

A G (x2)

Em (Riff x 2)

B A

Em (Riff x 2)

Em (vamp until vocals come back)

Verse 3

Em

Pale as a light bulb hanging on a wire

Em

Sucking up to someone just to stoke the fire

Em

Picking out the highlights of the scenery

Em

Saw a little cloud that looked a little like me

Em (Riff x 2)

Em

I had my hands in the river, my feet back up on the banks

Em

Looked up to the lord above and said, Hey, man, thanks

Em

Sometimes I feel so good I got to scream

Em

She said, Gordie, baby, I know exactly what you mean

Em

She said, she said, I swear to god she said

A G (x2)

Em (Riff x 2)

A G (x2)

Em (Riff x 2)

B

A

My memory is muddy, what's this river that I'm in?

Em

A

New Orleans is sinkin, man and I dont want to swim

Outro

Em (Riff x 20)

Swim!