RIDING ON THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS ILLINOIS CENTRAL,

MONDAY MORNING RAIL 15 CARS AND 15 RESTLESS RIDERS THREE CONDUCTORS AND 25 SACKS OF MAIL ALL ALONG THE SOUTH-

THE TRAIN PULLS OUT AT KANKAKEE ROLLS ALONG PAST HOUSES, FARMS, AND FIELDS PASSING TRAINS THAT HAVE NO NAMES FREIGHT YARDS FULL OF OLD BLACK MEN AND THE GRAVEYARDS OF THE RUSTED AUTOMOBILES GOOD MORNING, AMERICA, HOW ARE YOU? SAY. DON'T YOU KNOW ME? I'M YOUR NATIVE CALL THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS I'LL BE GONE 500 MILES WHEN THE DAY IS DONE DEALIN'

CARD GAMES WITH THE OLD MEN IN THE CLUB CAR PENNY A KEEPIN' SCORE PASS THE PAPER BAG THAT HOLDS THE WHEELS RUMBLIN' 'NEATH THE FLOOR AND THE SONS PORTERS AND THE SONS OF ENGINEERS RIDE THEIR CARPETS MADE OF STEEL MOTHERS WITH THEIR ARE ROCKIN' TO THE GENTLE BEAT AND THE RHYTHM IS ALL THEY FEEL GOOD MORNING, AMERICA, SAY, DON'T YOU KNOW ME? I'M YOUR NATIVE SON I'M CALL THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS I'LL BE GONE 500

DAY IS DONE NIGHTTIME ON THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS MEMPHIS. TENNESSEE HALFWAY HOME AND WE'LL BE THERE BY MORNING THROUGH THE MISSISSIPPI. DARKNESS ROLLING DOWN TO THE SEA BUT ALL THE TOWNS AND PEOPLE SEEM TO FADE INTO A BAD DREAM AND THE STEEL RAIL STILL AIN'T HEARD THE NEWS THE CONDUCTOR SINGS HIS SONGS AGAIN THE PASSENGERS WILL PLEASE REFRAIN THIS TRAIN GOT THE DISAPPEARING RAILROAD BLUES GOOD NIGHT.

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