

New Orleans is Sinking

Intro

4 Bars Em Rhythm Riff – “Alright”

4 Bars Em With Lead Riff Bass and Drums

Em

Bourbon blues on the street, loose and complete under skies all smoky blue-green

A

I can't 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

New Orleans is sinking man, and I don't wanna swim

4 Bars Em

Em

Colonel Tom, what's wrong? What's going on? Can't tie yourself up for a deal

A

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

4 Bars Em then

A

G

A

G

Em

B

A

Em

8 Bars Em

Em

Pale as a light bulb hanging on a wire

Sucking up to someone just to stoke the fire

Picking out the highlights of the scenery

Saw a little cloud that looked a little like me

Em

I have my hands in the river My feet back up on the banks

Looked up to the Lord above and said, hey man thanks

Sometimes I feel so good I gotta scream

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

Em I swear to God she said! **A G A G** Hahhhaahh Now

Em **A G A G Em** Yeahhhh Yeah!

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

B **A (stop time)**
New Orleans is sinking man and I don't wanna swim

Em **20 Bars then Hold**
Swim!

Note: The Em and A are played as Riffs – Should really play them as E5 and A5 if you are just strumming

E5 – 022XXX

A5 – X022XX