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New Orleans

Near the delta,
Where the river bends in a horseshoe,
Right below Lake Pontchartrain,
New Orleans rises on the high tide of time

New Orleans, Crescent City
New Orleans, my home

Where people from many lands
Have come together in one beautiful place
And the music, so sweet and free,
The music of love

New Orleans, Crescent City
New Orleans, my home

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Love Is So Inviting

Love is so inviting
Even so our fears will play
Love is so exciting
Even so our thoughts will stray
Long ago love seemed as innocence
Lost to dreaming
Long ago when love was young

Would that I had known you
Even as my love was sworn
Would that I had loved you
Even as my love was born
Now I will go where love will lead me
Anywhere
I will go in love of you

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Crazy Moon

With the lights turned down low
All the night comes aglow
It calls through the trees
The melody on a breeze
And your heart is on fire
Full of love and desire
In the spell of the moon late in June
Crazy moon

The muse of that night
So very wrong and so very right
The mood of that song
So very right and so very wrong
And your heart is carried away
Anytime you might stray
Into the spell of the moon late in June
Crazy moon

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Homer Plessy

Come gather 'round people
Let me tell you the story
Of a man who would not abide
The unjust rules of society
He was guided by conscience and pride
He would not allow the railroad to dictate
Where people of color must ride
They went for that ride on that fateful day
Him and the law he defied

The conductor was acting on instruction of the railroad
When he had Homer taken away
They took him to the jailhouse
They could not believe he had had the nerve to disobey
Judge Ferguson was unsympathetic
And decided that Homer must pay
He served his time in that lonely jail
For what he had to do on that day

The Supreme Court determined that the railroad was right
And made Jim Crow the law of the land
And to all of our shame so shall it remain
Until the bastions of truth are re-manned
Ride on, ride on Homer Plessy
As you disobey that command
You will lead us all on in the march of time
In ways we don't yet understand

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The Blues Don't Last Forever

You lose a lover, a job, or a friend
Seems like you're always losing something
Before you know it you're losing your mind
But the blues don't last forever
You are a victim of circumstance
Or of your own devices
Either way your choices are clear
Only one way left – start over
The rearranging is all the thing
You're overwhelmed with all the details
You must remember the primary thing
The blues don't last forever

You've got to answer for all that you do
Nobody's life is free from sorrow
No one's immune to feeling the pain
But the blues don't last forever
There are the heartaches you can't avoid
There are the disappointments
There are the days you want to give up
When you just can't win for losing
Be a creator – your life is your own
Do all you can to make it better
And just remember the primary thing
The blues don't last forever

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Time Is Passing Me By

Ever since the moment I first saw you
I knew you were the only one for me
Oh, how I've tried to tell you I adore you
Now I know that love is blind
As I can't see

Time is passing me by and I'm pining
Time is passing me by and I'm blue
You broke apart my cloud with its silver lining
Now all I can do is rain all over you
Since the day you caught my eye
All I ever do is sigh
And I love you so
Oh me, oh my

Time is passing me by and I'm waiting
Time is passing me by and I'm green
I don't know that fellow you've been dating
But he's the ugliest cad I've ever seen
If I ever get to you
You'll forget you were ever blue
What love can't do
Ooh ooh ooh

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Confused About You

Everyone's gone fishin'
I could have gone too
But I sit here confused about you
All this waiting and wishing is just making me blue
And I sit here confused about you
And you, one that you are,
Must know me best now

I left the door open but no-one's come through
And no more old friendships to renew
Still I keep on hoping the worst won't come true
And I sit here confused about you
And you, one that you are,
Must teach me more now

With little to think on or to misconstrue
It's hard to say what might be untrue
Sure, I'm becoming too withdrawn
Well, that's nothing new
I'm just so confused about you
And you, one that you are,
Can touch me least now

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Two-Timer

You were an item all over town
Not exactly a man of renown
Free and easy
Knockin' the good life down
And I was just learning how to survive
Fair game for all of your jive
Just learning
And trying to stay alive

You said you loved me
You're changin' your ways
You said the nightlife was only a phase
You said that my love was setting your world ablaze
But that fire that burns in your heart
Was just bound to drive us apart
And I should have known it right from the start

Why I believed you I'll never know
Guess I was hoping your love would grow
Don't have to tell me
I know when it's time to go
You're just a two-timer seein' the light
It's too late for makin' it right
But don't worry
I'm gonna be alright

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Homeless Blues

Life can be curious and sometimes unfair
Life is an easy thing when you haven't a care
It's not so easy when you've got no home
When you're bound to ramble and you're bound to roam
If I can't find my way back home
I'll have to move again

I stay where I feel my heart will be welcome in
I go when my heart directs
Or when the welcome's worn thin
I don't pay any rent
I don't have any keys
I answer to no-one
I've got no-one to please
If I can't find my way back home
I'll have to move again

I've seen easier times not long ago
I'll be getting back to the life that I know
I'll address the matter of a lack of address
When it's a little more likely I'd be having some success
If I can't find my way back home
I'll have to move again

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R: Love is the measure of all we hold dear
Anguish the sum of our sorrow and our fear
Sorrow the measure of how we have grown
Wisdom the sum of the sorrow we have known

Joy is abandoned
An ill wind has blown
All is forgiven
And mercy will be shown
Pangs of the conscience and pangs of the heart
Pangs of the sorrows that death and loss impart

P: All is surely lost
And the blame is mine alone
I cannot compensate or atone
Oh brother, mentor, friend
How could I have failed you in the end?

R: Death is a legacy life must withstand
It moves us in ways we may never understand
It summons the best we are capable of
It cannot defeat us if we abide in love

P: Carrying the weight of this lonely reprimand
And the weight of consequences unplanned
Oh brother, mentor, friend
How could I have failed you in the end?

C: We are no more than a grain of sand
Bound to what the fates might command
But if we heed them well and our hearts abide
We go on with our hearts as our guide

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Good News

Good news!

What happened to those blues?

Good days to wonder and amaze

You just hold on to happy days

You never do let go

You learn to love a hundred ways

You learn to let it show

Good sounds of living all around

Good years to make up for the tears

You just go through with what you get

And no-one gets left out

But pretty baby, don't forget

What living's all about

Good news!

Go through with what you get

Don't get left out

Just don't forget what living's all about

Hold on to happy days

Don't let go

I love you many ways

Baby, don't you know?

Good news!

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