

Harris, Emmylou

"Leaving Louisiana In The Broad Daylight"

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Lord, Mary took to runnin' with a travelin' man

Left her mamma cryin' with her head in her hands

Such a sad case, so broken-hearted

She says, "Momma, gotta go, gotta get outta here

Gotta get outta town, tired of hangin' around,

Gotta roll on between the ditches"

It's just an ordinary story 'bout the way things go

Round and round, nobody knows

But the highway goes on forever

That old highway goes on forever

Lord, she never woulda done if she hadn't got drunk

Hadn't started runnin' with a travelin' man

If she hadn't started takin' those crazy chances

She says, "Daughter, let me tell you 'bout the travelin'
kind

Everywhere he's goin' such a very short time

He'll be long gone before you know it

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She says, "Never have I known it when it felt so good

Never have I knew it when I knew I could

Never have I done it when it looked so right

Leavin' Lou'siana in the broad daylight"
This is down in the swamplands, anything goes
Alligator bait, and the bars don't close
It's the real thing down in Lou'siana
Didja ever see a Cajun when he really got mad
Really got trouble like a daughter gone bad
It gets real hot down in Lou'siana
Well, the stranger bettter move it or he's gonna get
killed
Gonna have to move it or a shotgun will
It ain't no time for lengthy speeches
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That old highway rolls on forever
There ain't no way to stop the water

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