

One of New Orleans' many sobriquets is "Home of the Blues", and since the COVID-19 Pandemic began and we're stuck at home missing out on so many of the wonderful things New Orleans has to offer, I thought it only fitting that I put these blue feelings down in a song.

Sung to the tune of the city's much loved "Do You Know What It Means To Miss New Orleans" (written by Eddie DeLange and Louis Alter), first featured in the film *New Orleans* (1947), where it was so memorably performed by Louis Armstrong and Billie Holiday:



Do You Know What It Means To Be Quarantined?

Do you know what it means to be quarantined,
To sanitize night and day?
I know I'm not wrong, my frown is getting longer
By standing six feet away.

Miss the Creole cuisine that means New Orleans,
Since so many spots are shut.
You know I can't stand the strain of social distance,
I really am in a rut.



And our Mardi Gras, will it be called off,
The festive floats and second line?
I fear the only masks will be our facemasks,
And that everything's not so fine.



Missin' cocktails at bars, driving friends in our cars,
Now we're constantly washing hands.
I miss something more, the shows at Tipitina's
With all of our favorite bands.

As for the Saints, the stands are empty.
How can we cheer or make some noise?
Will their faceguards all be facemasks?
How can we holler "Bless You Boys"?



Do you know how it feels to miss dine-in meals
Or a perfect *café au lait*?
I know I'm not wrong, the feeling's getting stronger
The longer I stay away

Oh the take-out lines, and all the waiting,
As Coronavirus fills the air
I dream of hitting Jazz Fest once more
And soon I'm wishing that I were there

Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans
'Cause we're locked up inside our homes?
And there's something more, I miss the way it once was
Before all of these quarantines!



N.B. These lyrics are intended as a little bit of cheer during the experience of an otherwise quarantined environment, and not to diminish the seriousness of this Pandemic. The Coronavirus has taken so many of our dear friends and family, and it is no laughing matter. When appropriate, we should all wear facemasks and socially distance to slow down this formidable disease. To all my readers and their loved ones: please stay healthy and be safe.

P.S. This author is compiling a list of the things and experiences we miss the most during these unusual times. Because I treasure my readers and their comments, I'd love to hear from you as to what you miss the most. If you'd like to share, please email: nostalgicned@gmail.com.

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