A New Orleans Alphabet

A is for “axe” like “They All Axed For You”.

B is for beignets, please have one or two?

C is for crawfish, we must have our fill.

D is for Domino, where “I Found My Thrill”.

E is for Emeril and, yes, Esplanade.

F is for flambeaux along the parade.

G is for Galatoire’s, grillades and grits.

H is for horn and Al Hirt’s many hits.

I is for Indians in feathered array.

J is for Jazz bands on Mardi Gras Day.

K is for K-Doe, in truth he sang “T’aint”. 

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L is for *lagniappe* and Louis, our Saint.

M is for maskers in Mardi Gras krewes.

N is for nectar, on sno-balls we use.

O is for oysters, either raw or deep-fried.

P is for Pontchartrain, our lake oh-so wide.

Q is for Quintron, Miss Pussycat’s squeeze.

R is for red beans and rice, if you please.

S is for Sazeracs, streetcars and Saints.

T is for tunes, they’re all Allen Toussaint’s.

U is for Uglesich’s, “A’int Dere No More”

V is for Valiants, Vince Vance Pompadour.

W is for West Bank, I’m lost I confess.

X is for Xavier, a collegiate success.

Y is for “yat”, where y’at, who dat who?

Z is for Zulu and Zatarain’s, too.
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