

NEW ORLEANS NOSTALGIA

Remembering New Orleans History, Culture and Traditions

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As Thanksgiving nears in New Orleans, although times have been tough, there's still so

Much To Give Thanks For

New Orleans has its share of pain,
Wind and rain and hurricane,
Yellow fever, wars and more,
Still there's much to give thanks for.

Jazz's birthplace, Rock 'n' Roll,
Saints who've won the Super Bowl
Po-boys filled with shrimp galore
There's quite a lot to give thanks for.

Galatoire's, Camellia Grill,
Funky Butt and Monkey Hill,
Bourbon Street's own "Famous Door"
There's so, so much to give thanks for.

Fats and Irma, Toussaint, too,
Meters who all "Axed" for you,
Hear these artists take the floor,
There's all so much to give thanks for.

Crabmeat, crawfish, red beans, rice,
Gumbo served with Creole spice.
Angela Hill on Channel Four.
There's still *beaucoup* to give thanks for.

Jambalaya, grillades, grits
Maison Blanche (it's now the Ritz)
Promenade Fine Fabrics Store
There's much for us to give thanks for.

Cocktails at the Absinthe House,
Holmes is gone and so is Krauss.
Although some things "ain't dere no more,"
There's still so much to give thanks for.

Jambalaya, *étouffée*,
Hubig's pies, *café au lait*,
Arnaud's, Antoine's, Croissant d'Or
There's quite a lot to give thanks for.

Momus, Comus, Rex parade,
Bacchus, Zulu Social Aid,
Muses, Hermes are some more
Krewes we sure must give thanks for.

Pirates Alley, Haspel Suits,
Lucky Dogs and Bucktown boots,
Many things one can't ignore,
There's all too much to give thanks for.

Longhair, Hébert, Jackson Square,
Streetcars rolling here and there,
City Park you must explore.
There's so much here to give thanks for.

Trombone Shorty, Tremé bands
Nectar sodas, sno-ball stands
Oyster months that end in "R",
There's quite a bit to give thanks for.

Daiquiris? Just drive on through.
Tulane Green Wave, LSU,
What's the latest football score?
There's so much more to give thanks for.

Morgus, Chopsley, Sazeracs,
Mr. Bingle, Sak's and JAX.
Katrina may have reached our shore,
But still there's much to give thanks for.

Rémoulade, stuffed artichokes,
Celebration in the Oaks,
Deacon John we all adore.
There's so much here to give thanks for.

Thanksgiving Day is on the way,
New Orleans families soon will pray,
"Lord we thank, thee, rich and poor,
There's all so much to give thanks for."

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