

**New Orleans Is Sinking**  
**The Tragically Hip**

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By The Tragically Hip

This is pretty crude, but it sounds good  
additions/corrections welcome. Previous post of the  
lick is included at the bottom. There are no CRD versions  
of this song on the archive that I could find. -Rick  
(use bar chords for **G A B**)

[Verse 1]

**Em** **G** **Em** **G**  
Bourbon Blues, on the street, loose and complete  
**Em** **G** **Em** **G**  
Under skies of smokey blue -green  
**A**  
I can't forsake a dixie dead shake  
**Em** **G** **Em** **G**  
So we danced the sidewalk clean  
**B** **A**  
My memory is muddy, what's this river that I'm in?  
**B**  
Hey New Orleans is sinkin', man  
**A**  
And I don't want to swim

Back to **Em/G** shuffle for second verse

Play an **A** for the yelp (AHHHHHH-HAAA)

From "Pale as a lightbulb...to I swear to GOD she said" do the **Em/G** shuffle

then repeat the "A" for the AHHHHHH-HAAA yelp

then **Em G Em G**, then

**B** **A**  
My memory is muddy, what's this river that I'm in?  
**B**  
Hey New Orleans is sinkin', man  
**A**  
And I don't want to swim

Back to **Em/G** to close

This is what is on the archive, from : dave@skatter.usask.ca (Dave Hornidge)

I m not really sure if this is correct, but this is how I play it:  
The main riff looks like:

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E|-----|
B|-----|
G|-----|
D|-----2-----0--0h2--|
A|-----2-----2-----|
E|--0--0-----3-----|
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I think the bass plays something similiar to this as well.

The other catchy little riff looks something like:

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E|-----0-----0-----|
B|--3p0--0----3p0-----3p0--0----3p0-----|
G|-----4p0--3p0--2p0-----4p0--3p0--2p0-----|
D|-----2p0-----2-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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E|-----0-----|
B|--3p0--0----3p0-----|
G|-----4p0--3p0--2p0--4p0--3p0--2p0--2s4--4--4--4--4-----|
D|-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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This riff changes alot in the song and I only tabbed one of these variations.  
Note also that this riff is played much more quickly than the main riff.  
The best way to figure out how it is to be played is to listen to the  
disk. I play the main riff a few times and then throw in the other one  
every now and then. Sorry I don t know the solo.  
I didn t have time to write out the lyrics. Corrections and comments are  
welcome.

Good Luck!

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| h Hammer-on
| p Pull-off
| s slide
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