

The Road to Louisiana

Background: Another song that came from nowhere and is not about me or anyone I know. Or maybe it is. It started in early July, with the lyrics mostly finished on a New Jersey beach on July 4th. New Orleans is a city I've been to about 20 times and the one, outside of my hometown of DC, with which I have the most affinity.

Written: July 1-7, 2025

Arr.	Key	Time	Tuning	Tempo	Style	Capo
1	G	4/4	Standard	140	Eagles Country Rock	None

Arrangement	1
Intro	Em7 Dadd9 C(type 2) G
Verse	G C G C D C G D
Pre-chorus	Am C G D Em G D C G
Chorus	C G C G D C G D C G
Bridge	Em G D G Em Am C D

Chords Used in this Song

G	C	D	Em	Am	Dadd9

Em7	Dadd9	C (type 2)

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Verse

G

On the road to Louisiana

C

Driving down all alone

G

Crossing the Susquehanna

C

Still got 1200 miles to go

D

Chasing my old girl Joanna

C

Back then we all just called her Jo

G

It's only been 6 months

D

But it seems so long ago

Pre-Chorus

Am

Yeah I could have flown

C

But that implies I'm coming back

G

This ain't no round trip no

D

Got my entire life here packed

Em

Whether she still wants me

G

I sure as hell don't know

D

Either way

C

G

I'm going there to stay

Chorus

C

The road to Louisiana
G
Broke my heart
C
The road to Louisiana
G D
Should've known from the start
C
The road to Louisiana
G
This path I choose
D
I ain't got nothing to lose
C G
Her I can't refuse

Verse

G
She came all the way from Savannah
C
Her accent made me a fool
G
She wore that red bandana
C
And made it look so cool
D
59 south through Alabama
C
Chasing after my lost crown jewel
G
For every heartbeat and every mile
D
Broken hearts and broken rules

Pre-Chorus

Am
It felt wrong leaving
C
But I had to find out my worth
G

The big leagues were calling
D
So I had to head back north
Em
We said we'd keep in touch
G
One day that fell right off the earth
D
She's moved on I know
C G
But I just can't let her go

Chorus

C
The road to Louisiana
G
Broke my heart
C
The road to Louisiana
G D
Should've known from the start
C
The road to Louisiana
G
This path I choose
D
I ain't got nothing to lose
C G
Her I can't refuse

Bridge

Em
All those nights on Frenchmen
G
Coolin' at The Blue Nile
D
Eatin' crawfish on St. Claude
G
Our best attempt at style
Em

Last call at The Jimini

Am

Crossin' through Jackson Square

C

To spit into the Big Muddy

D

Hopin' to find some luck down there

Verse

G

On the road to Louisiana

C

I looked up her old roommate

G

When she saw me she broke down

C

Tears ran down her face

D

She told me about the accident

C

Couldn't believe I didn't know

G

I read the obit in disbelief

D

Staring at a picture of my late Jo

Pre-Chorus

Am

On the road to Louisiana

C

I wasn't sure what I would find

G

Didn't think I'd end up in Lafayette

D

Broken down and cryin'

Em

Thinking 'bout why I left

G

I'll always regret that day

D
So just for her
C **G**
I'm stayin' here anyway

Chorus

C
The road to Louisiana
G
Broke my heart
C
The road to Louisiana
G **D**
Should've known from the start
C
The road to Louisiana
G
This path I choose
D
I ain't got nothing to lose
C **G**
Her I can't refuse

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Verse

On the road to Louisiana
Driving down all alone
Crossing the Susquehanna
Still got 1200 miles to go
Chasing my old girl Joanna
Back then we all just called her Jo
It's only been 6 months
But it seems so long ago

Pre-Chorus

Yeah I could have flown
But that implies I'm coming back
This ain't no round trip no
Got my entire life here packed
Whether she still wants me
I sure as hell don't know
Either way
I'm going there to stay

Chorus

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The road to Louisiana
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The road to Louisiana
This path I choose
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Verse

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Bridge

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Verse

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Pre-Chorus

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