Dixie Drug Store

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Ooh Jambalaya

Ooh JambalayaIt was muggy July around supper time

When I pulled into New Orleans

I got dropped off at South Rampart Street

I was hungry for a plate of greensI made my way down the banquette

Where I could see an open door

And overhead a sign made of painted pine read

The Dixie Drug storePeppers and roots were hanging

From the rafters above

There were oils and sprays all on display

For money luck and for loveI reached down to pick one up

When a dark hand grabbed my arm

And before I could see just who it was

She said you don't want that charmOoh JambalayaThe last man to walk that thing out of here

Just up and disappeared

Found his wallet and his wingtip shoes

Near a tombstone down in AlgiersWhat you need my traveling friend

Is a place to wash your jeans

And I wouldn't be the least surprised

If you were hungry for a plate of greensShe beckoned me on up the stairs

For she'd done made up her mind

Said take off your hat and kick off your boots

And leave your pride behindOoh JambalayaShe took me down to a secret place

In the bayou of her blankets

She offered to share her bourbon

I thanked her then I drank itThrough a small crack in the ceiling

Burst the Louisiana moon

It shone down on our bodies

And we began to croonLike a couple of coyotes

We were howling through the night

And I swear they were a beatin' those

Congo drums outsideOoh JambalayaWe laughed until the mornin'

By then my pants had dried

I picked up my hat and pulled on my boots

And I gathered up my prideI figured she had done stepped out

I didn't see her anywhere

And I set out to find her

I headed on downstairsGot down to the bottom

I couldn't believe my eyes

Gone were all the bottles And the remedy suppliesOoh JambalayaI shouted out for Marie I darted out the door

An old man on the wooden porch said
What you in there forSon you got no business
The hoodoo store's been closed

Long as I remember

A century I supposeBut mister I just spent the night

With a young gal named Laveau

He said the widow Paris

Done had a little laugh on youI said you mean to tell me

That was the voodooin'

He nodded yes none other

The queen of New OrleansOoh Jambalaya

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