

Recollection of a visitor
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Higher Ground Event

Have you ever been to New Orleans? if not you better go -
it's a nation of queer place day and night a show.

Frenchman, spainards, west indians, creoles, and mustees,
yankees, kentuckians, Tenesseians, lawyers and trustees,
priests, friars, nuns. woman of all stains,
negroes in purple and fine lenin and slaves in rags and chains.

Ships and arcs, steamboats, robbers, pirates, alligators,
assasins, gamblers, drunkards and cotton speculators,
sailors, soldiers, pretty girls, and ugly fortune tellers,
pimps, imps, shrimps, and all sorts of dirty fellas,

White men with black wives and vice versa too,
a progeny of all colors, an infernal motley crew.