

Louisiana Bayous

When Cajun migrants sailed a distance south
Escaping from the wrath of Kings and Queens
They landed near the Mississippi mouth
And settled in a town called New Orleans.

They brought with them a different way of life,
Their music, food and culture born of strife.
Their presence made the bayous come alive
As these forgotten folks began to thrive.

Their lives were changed by rain one August eve,
Much stronger than the public could believe.
The raging winds and tides began to heave
And forced the weakened levees then to cleave.

This city known for Mardi Gras and jazz
Was left to ponder over what it has
Remaining after such a brutal storm
Had ruined everything considered norm.

With governments that proved to be naïve,
Most destitute survivors had to leave.
The many deaths caused all of us to grieve.
In spite of this event they will achieve.



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