

FOLLOW THE DRINKING GOURD

Additional new words
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Traditional
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Mysteriously (♩ = ca. 112-116)

mf

5 *mf* 7

When the sun goes back and the night time falls, —

mf

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fol - low the drink-ing gourd. When the stars come out and the first quail calls, —

mf

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fol - low the drink-ing gourd. — Fol - low the drink-ing gourd, —

mf

The "drinking gourd" refers to The Big Dipper which pointed the way north for slaves escaping to freedom prior to and during American Civil War.

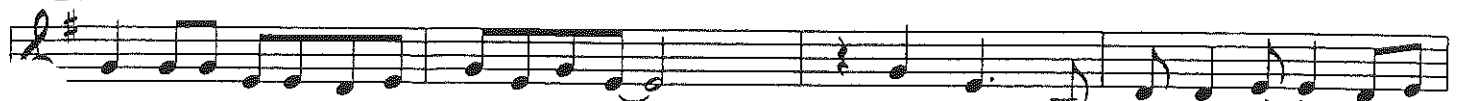
fol - low the drink-ing gourd. Well, the old man's a - wait-ing for to

car-ry you to free - dom, fol-low the drink - ing gourd, —

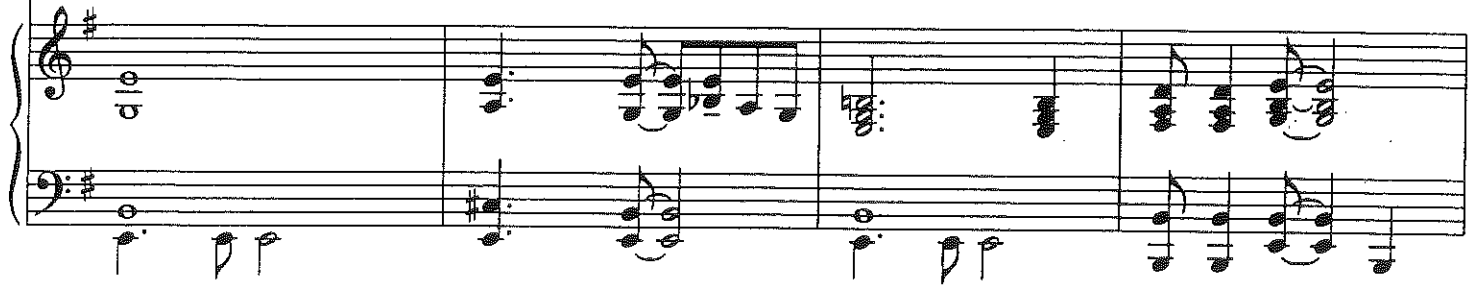
fol-low the drink - ing gourd.

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Well, the

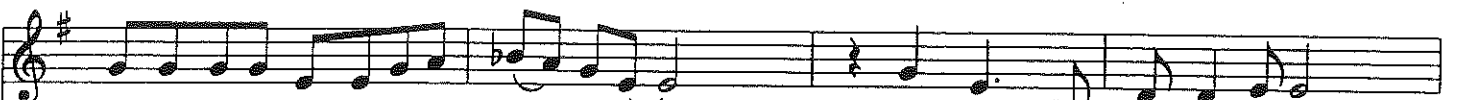
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banks of the riv-er make a might-y good road, fol - low the drink-ing gourd. And the



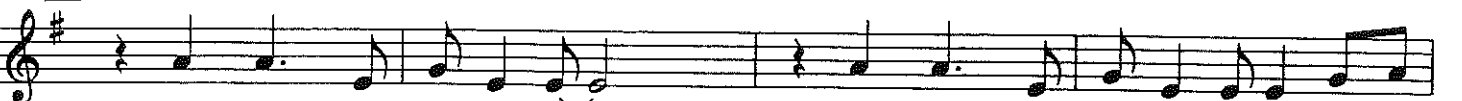
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bur-den I'm a carry-in' is a heav - y load, fol - low the drink-ing gourd.



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Fol - low the drink-ing gourd, fol - low the drink-ing gourd.. Well, the



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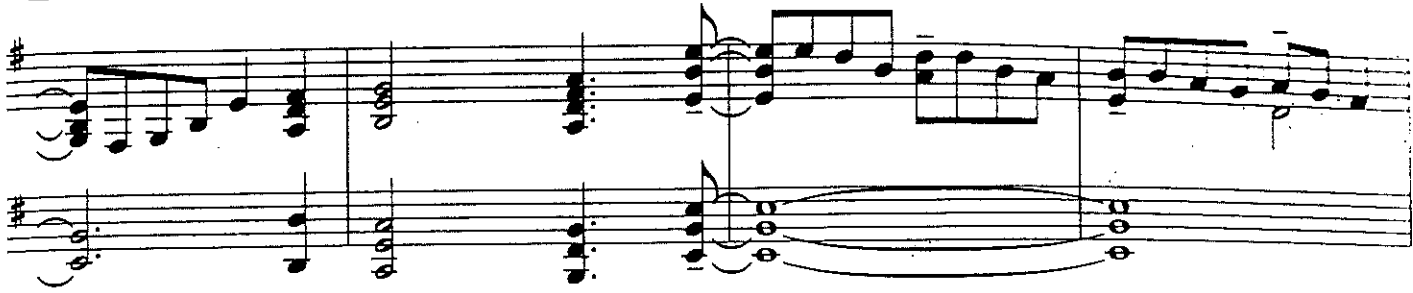
old man's a-wait-ing for to car-ry you to free - dom, fol-low the drink - ing gourd,



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fol-low the drink - ing gourd.



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Slowly, freely
mp



I got to run, for they com-in' af-ter me, fol - low the drink-ing gourd. _
Slowly, freely



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in tempo



Big dip-per lead to the land of the free, fol - low the drink-ing gourd. _

in tempo

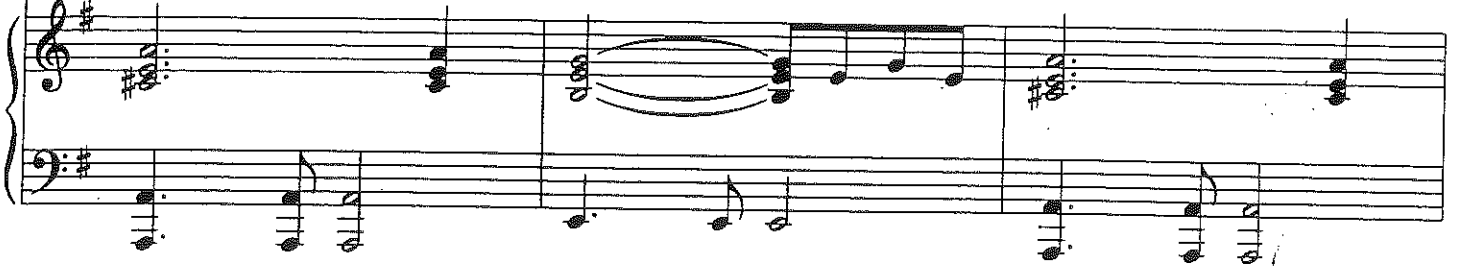


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mf



Fol - low the drink-ing gourd, — fol - low the



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drink-ing gourd. — Well, the old man's a-wait-ing for to car-ry you to free - dom,



67



fol-low the drink - ing gourd. — Fol - low, — the



71 *cresc.*

f



drink - ing gourd. —

