

Flow Gently, Sweet Afton

Poem by Robert Burns, 1791; tune by J.E. Spilman, 1837
This tune is also used for "Away in a Manger."

NOTE: To avoid a lever flip on the A7 chord, play only A-E-G.

① G C G

Flow gent - ly, sweet Af - ton, a - mong thy green braes, Flow
 How lof - ty, sweet Af - ton, thy neigh - bour - ing hills, Far
 Thy crys - tal stream, Af - ton, how love - ly it glides, And

6 G D

gent - ly, I'll sing thee a song in thy praise; My
 mark'd with the cour - ses of clear wind - ing rills; There
 winds by the cot where my Ma - ry re - sides, How

10 G C G

Ma - ry's a - sleep by thy mur - mur - ing stream, Flow
 dai - ly I wan - der as noon ris - es high, My
 want - on thy wat - ers her snow - y feet lave, As

14 Em D G C D G

gent - ly, sweet Af - ton, dis - turb not her dream. Thou
 flocks and my Ma - ry's sweet cot in my eye. How
 gath - 'ring sweet flow - rets she stems thy clear wave. Flow

18 ② D A7 D

stock - dove, whose ech - o re - sounds thro' the glen, Ye
 pleas - ant thy banks and green val - leys be - low, Where
 gent - ly, sweet Af - ton, a - mong thy green braes, Flow

22 D A7 D7

wild whist - ling black - birds in yon thor - ny den, Thou
 wild in the wood - lands the prim - ros - es blow; There
 gent - ly, sweet riv - er, the theme of my lays; My

26 G C G

green - crest - ed lap - wing, thy scream - ing for - bear, I
 oft, as mild Ev' - ning sweeps o - ver the lea, The
 Ma - ry's a - sleep by thy mur - mur - ing stream, Flow

30 Em D G C D G

charge you dis - turb not my slum - ber - ing fair.
 sweet - scent - ed birk shades my Ma - ry and me.
 gent - ly, sweet Af - ton, dis - turb not her dream.