

## Sweet Baby James

James Taylor

**F G<sup>7</sup> C C** (original in D)  
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**C G F E<sup>m</sup> E<sup>m</sup>**  
 There is a young cowboy, he lives on the range

**A<sup>m</sup> F C E<sup>m</sup> E<sup>m</sup>**  
 His horse and his cattle are his only companions

**A<sup>m</sup> F C E<sup>m</sup>**  
 He works in the saddle and he sleeps in the canyons

**F C G D<sup>m</sup> D<sup>m</sup> G G**  
 Waiting for summer, his pastures to change

**F G<sup>7sus4</sup> C**  
 And as the moon rises he sits by his fire

**A<sup>m</sup> F C G**  
 Thinking about women and glasses of beer

**F G C**  
 Closing his eyes as the dogies retire

**A<sup>m</sup> F C C**  
 He sings out a song which is soft but it's clear

**D<sup>7sus4</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7sus4</sup> G<sup>7sus4</sup> G<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup>**  
 As if maybe someone could hear

**Dō' gē - a stray or  
 motherless calf**

**C F G C**  
 Goodnight you moonlight la - dies

**A<sup>m</sup> F C C**  
 Rock-a-bye sweet baby James

**A<sup>m</sup> F C C**  
 Deep greens and blues are the colors I choose

**D<sup>7sus4</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7sus4</sup> G<sup>7</sup>**  
 Won't you let me go down in my dreams

**F G C C**  
 And rock-a-bye sweet baby James

**C G F E<sup>m</sup> E<sup>m</sup>**  
 Now the first of December was covered with snow

**A<sup>m</sup> F C E<sup>m</sup> E<sup>m</sup>**  
 And so was the turnpike from Stockbridge to Boston

**A<sup>m</sup> F C E<sup>m</sup>**  
 Lord the Berkshires seemed dreamlike on account of that frosting

**F C G D<sup>m</sup> D<sup>m</sup> G G**  
 With ten miles behind me and ten thousand more to go

**F G<sup>7sus4</sup> C**  
 There's a song that they sing when they take to the highway

**A<sup>m</sup> F C G**  
 A song that they sing when they take to the sea

**F G C**  
 A song that they sing of their home in the sky

**A<sup>m</sup> F C C**  
 Maybe you can believe it if it helps you to sleep

**D<sup>7sus4</sup> D<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7sus4</sup> G<sup>7sus4</sup> G<sup>7</sup> G<sup>7</sup>**  
 But singing works just fine for me

**C F G C**  
 Goodnight you moonlight la - dies

**A<sup>m</sup> F C C**  
 Rock-a-bye sweet baby James

**A<sup>m</sup> F C C**  
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