

SWEET BABY JAMES

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James Taylor (1970)

Key: C **Start Note:** C **Time:** 3/4 **Strum:** D_ du du

Intro: F // G7 // C // G7↓ (2)

Rock..a..bye sweet baby James

1) / C G7 F Em Em
There is a young cowboy... he lives on the range
Am F C Em Em
His horse and his cattle... are his only companions
Am F C Em
He works in the saddle... and he sleeps in the canyons
F C G7 Dm Dm G7 G7 ↓
Waiting...for summer.... his pastures...to change

2) F G7 C
And as the moon rises ...he sits by his fire
Am F C G7
Thinking about women... and glasses of beer
F G7 C
And closing his eyes... as the dogies retire
Am F C
He sings out a song.. which is soft, but it's clear
Am D7 G7 F G7 G7 ↓
As if, maybe someone could hear.....

CHORUS:

C F G7 C
Goodnight all you moonlight la...dies....
F G7 C C
Rock..a..bye sweet baby James
Am F C
Deep greens and blues are the colors I choose
Dm G7 G7 ↓
Won't you let me go down in my dreams.....
F G7 C C ↓
And rock..a..bye sweet baby James

3) C G7 F Em Em
Now the first of December..was covered with snow
Am F C Em Em
So was the turnpike... from Stockbridge to Boston

Am F C Em
The Berkshires seemed dream-like..on account of that frosting
F C G7 Dm ↓ ↑ G7 G7 ↓
With ten miles behind me...and ten thousand more to go...

F G7 C
4) There's a song that they sing...when they take to the highway
Am F C G7
A song that they sing...when they take to the sea
F G7 C
A song that they sing...of their home in the sky
Am F C
Maybe you can believe it if it helps you to sleep
Am D7 G7 F G7 G7 ↓
But singing works just fine for me.....

CHORUS:

C F G7 C
So ..Goodnight you moonlight la...dies....
F G7 C C ↓
Rock..a..bye sweet baby James
Am F C
Deep greens and blues are the colors I choose
Dm G7 G7 ↓
Won't you let me go down in my dreams.....
F G7 C Am ↓
And rock..a..bye sweet baby James

OUTRO:

(slowly) F G7 C ↓ (arp.)
And rockabye.... my... sweet baby James.