

# SWEET BABY JAMES

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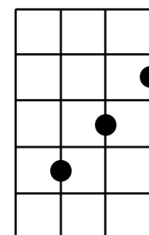
James Taylor (1970)

**Key:** C    **Start Note:** C    **Time:** 3/4    **Strum:** D\_ du du

**Intro:** F //        G7 //        C //        G7↓ (2)

*Rock..a..bye sweet baby James*

Em



(3) C            G7            F            Em Em  
1) 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 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

F                            G7            C  
2) 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***

C            G7            F            Em Em  
3) 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 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...

**Bridge:**

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