

SWEET BABY JAMES

Words and Music by James Taylor

Adapted for Ukulele by ELEG for SBWE

C F Em
There is a young cowboy he lives on the range.

Am F C Em
His horse and his cattle are his only companion.

Am F C Em
He works in the saddle and he sleeps in the canyon.

F C Dm G7
Waiting for summer, his pastures to change.

Am F C
And as the moon rises he sits by his fire.

Am F C
Thinkin' about women and glasses of beer.

Am F C
Closing his eyes as the doggies retire

Am F C
He sings out a song which is soft but it's clear

G Dm G7
As if maybe someone could hear.

CHORUS

C F Em
Now the first of December was covered with snow.

Am F C Em
And so was the turnpike from Stockbridge to Boston.

Am F C Em
Oh, the Berkshires seemed dreamlike on account of that frosting.

F C G Dm G7
With ten miles behind me and ten thousand more to go.

Am F C
There's a song that they sing when they take to the highway.

Am F C
A song that they sing when they take to the sea.

Am F C
A song that they sing of they're home in the sky.

Am F C
Maybe you can believe it if it helps you to sleep

G Dm G7
But singing works just fine for me.

CHORUS

C F G C
Goodnight you moonlight ladies.

Am F C
Rock-a-bye sweet baby James.

Am F C
Deep greens and blues are the colors I choose.

G Dm
Won't you let me go down in my dreams.

F G Am
And rock-a-bye sweet baby James.

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