

# Sweet Baby James, James Taylor

A (capo 1) ~~G~~ ~~D~~ ~~C~~ ~~Bm~~

~~G~~ ~~D~~ ~~C~~ ~~Bm~~  
here is a young cowboy, he lives on the range,

~~Em~~ ~~C~~ ~~G~~ ~~Em~~  
His horse and his cattle are his only companions,

~~Em~~ ~~C~~ ~~G~~ ~~Em~~  
He works in the saddle and he sleeps in the canyons,

~~C~~ ~~G~~ ~~D~~ ~~Am~~ ~~D~~  
Waiting for summer, his pastures to change.

~~C~~ ~~D~~ ~~G~~  
And as the moon rises he sits by his fire,

~~Em~~ ~~C~~ ~~G~~ ~~D~~  
Thinking about women and glasses of beer,

~~C~~ ~~D~~ ~~G~~  
And closing his eyes as the doggies retire,

~~Em~~ ~~C~~ ~~G~~ ~~D~~  
He sings out a song which is soft but it's clear,

~~A~~ ~~D~~  
As if maybe someone could hear.

CHORUS: ~~G~~ ~~C~~ ~~D~~ ~~G~~

He says goodnight you moonlight ladies,

~~Em~~ ~~C~~ ~~G~~  
Rock-a-bye sweet baby James,

~~Em~~ ~~C~~ ~~G~~  
Deep greens and blues are the colors I choose,

~~A~~ ~~D~~  
Won't you let me go down in my dreams

~~C~~ ~~D~~ ~~G~~  
And rock-a-by sweet baby James.

Well the first of December was covered with snow,

~~Em~~ ~~C~~ ~~G~~ ~~Bm~~  
~~Am~~ ~~X~~ ~~X~~ ~~Em~~

And so was the tumpike from Stockbridge to Boston,

~~Em~~ ~~C~~  
~~Am~~ ~~X~~

The Birkshires seemed dream-like

~~G~~ ~~Bm~~  
~~X~~ ~~Em~~  
on account of that frostin',

~~C~~ ~~G~~ ~~D~~ ~~Am~~ ~~D~~  
~~X~~ ~~X~~ ~~X~~ ~~Em~~ ~~X~~

With ten miles behind me and ten thousand more to go

~~C~~  
~~X~~

There's a song that they sing

~~D~~ ~~G~~  
~~X~~ ~~X~~

when they take to the highway,

~~Em~~ ~~C~~ ~~G~~ ~~D~~  
~~Am~~ ~~X~~ ~~X~~ ~~X~~

A song that they sing when they take to the sea,

~~C~~ ~~D~~ ~~G~~  
~~X~~ ~~X~~ ~~X~~

A song that they sing of their home in the sky,

~~E~~ ~~C~~ ~~G~~ ~~D~~  
~~Am~~ ~~X~~ ~~X~~ ~~X~~

Maybe you can believe it, if it helps you to sleep,

~~A~~ ~~D~~  
~~X~~ ~~X~~

But singing works just fine for me.

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