

# Flow Gently Sweet Afton

Tuning: D-F#-A

words: Robert Burns, 1786

music: James Spilman, 1837

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D F#m D G D

1. Flow gent - ly, sweet Af-ton, a - mong thy green braes. Flow  
 2. How lof - ty, sweet Af-ton, thy neigh - bor - ing hills, Far  
 3. Thy crys - tal stream, Af-ton, how love - ly it glides And

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6 D A D D A

gent - ly, I'll sing thee a song in thy praise. My  
 mark'd with the cours - es of clear wind - ing rills; There  
 winds by the cot where my Ma - ry re - sides. How

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10 D F#m D G D

Ma - ry's a - sleep by thy mur - mur - ing stream, Flow  
 dai - ly I wan - der as noon ris - es high, My  
 wan - ton thy wa - ters her snow - y feet lave, As

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14 D A D G A D

gent - ly, sweet Af - ton, dis - turb not her dream. Thou  
 flocks and my Ma - ry's sweet cot in my eye. How  
 gath' - ring sweet flow' - rets she stems thy clear wave. Flow

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18      A                      A                      E                      A

stock-doves whose e - cho re - sounds from the glen. Ye\_\_\_  
 pleas - ant thy banks and green val - leys be - low, Where  
 gent - ly, sweet Af - ton, a - mong thy green braes. Flow\_\_

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22      A                      A                      E7                      A

wild whist - ling black-birds in yon - thorn - y\_\_\_ den. Thou  
 wild in the wood-lands the prim - ros - es\_\_\_ blow, There,  
 gent - ly, sweet riv - er, the theme of\_\_\_ my\_\_\_ lays; My

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26      D                      F#m                      D                      G                      D

green crest - ed\_\_\_ lap - wing, thy scream - ing for - bear, I  
 oft as mild eve - ning creeps o - ver the lea, The  
 Ma - ry's a - sleep by thy mur - mur - ing stream, Flow

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30      D                      A                      D                      G                      A                      D

charge you, dis - turb not my slum - ber - ing fair.  
 sweet scent - ed birk shades my Ma - ry and me.  
 gent - ly, sweet Af - ton, dis - turb not her dream.

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