

FOLLOW THE DRINKING GOURD

for S.A.B. voices and piano*

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Traditional
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Mysteriously (♩ = ca. 112 - 116)

PIANO

Musical notation for the piano introduction, featuring a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The tempo is marked 'Mysteriously' with a quarter note equal to approximately 112-116 beats per minute. The dynamics are marked 'mf'.

4 SOPRANO

ALTO

BARITONE

When the sun goes back and the

7

mf

mf

Oo

mf

Musical notation for the piano accompaniment, featuring a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The dynamics are marked 'mf'.

8 night time falls,

fol - low the drink-ing gourd..

When the

Musical notation for the vocal and piano parts, featuring a treble and bass clef with a 4/4 time signature. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "night time falls, fol - low the drink-ing gourd.. When the". The dynamics are marked 'mf'.

NOTE: The "drinking gourd" refers to The Big Dipper, which pointed the way north for slaves escaping to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

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Oo — fol - low the

stars come out and the first quail calls, —

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15

drink-ing gourd... Fol - low the drink-ing gourd... fol - low the

18

drink-ing gourd... Well, the old man's a-wait-ing for to car-ry you to free - dom,

21 *unis.*

fol-low the drink - ing gourd, — fol-low the drink - ing gourd..

24

30

Well, the banks of the riv - er make a might-y good road, —

mf *mf* Oo *mf*

29

32

fol - low the drink - ing gourd... Oo

And the bur - den I'm a - carry - in' is a

35

fol - low the drink - ing gourd... Fol - low the

heav - y load, -

39

drink - ing gourd, - fol - low the drink - ing gourd... Well, the

42

unis.

old man's a-wait-ing for to car-ry you to free - dom, fol-low the drink - ing gourd,

45

fol-low the drink - ing gourd.

rit.

rit. e dim.

53

Slowly, freely

p

I got to run, for they com-in' af-ter me, fol-low the drink-ing gourd..

p

fol - low the

Slowly, freely

p (piano optional)

57

in tempo

Big dip-per lead to the land of the free, fol-low the drink-ing gourd..

fol - low the

in tempo

mf

61

Tempo I

mf

Fol - low the drink-ing gourd, fol - low the

mf

Tempo I

64

drink-ing gourd... Well, the old man's a-wait-ing for to car-ry you to free - dom,

67

unis. fol-low the drink - ing gourd. — Fol-low the

71

cresc. drink ing gourd. — *f*

cresc. *f*

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