FOLLOW THE DRINKING GOURD

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Note: The "drinking gourd" refers to The Big Dipper which pointed the way north for slaves escaping to freedom prior to and during the American Civil War.

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


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banks of the riv-er make a might-y good road, fol - low the drink-ing gourd. And the
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bur-den I'm a carry-in' is a heav - y load,_ fol - low the drink-ing gourd._
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Fol - low the drink-ing gourd,_ fol - low the drink-ing gourd.. Well, the
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old man's a-wait-ing for to car-ry you to free - dom, fol-low the drink - ing gourd,


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fol-low the drink - ing gourd.
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rit.
rit. e dim.
p
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Slowly, freely
mp
I got to run, for they com-in' af-ter me, fol - low the drink-ing gourd.
Slowly, freely
mp
57
in tempo
Big dip-per lead to the land of the free, fol - low the drink-ing gourd.
in tempo
mf


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Tempo I
mf
Fol - low the drink-ing gourd, fol - low the
Tempo I
64
drink-ing gourd. Well, the old man's a-wait-ing for to car-ry you to free - dom,
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fol-low the drink - ing gourd. Fol - low, the
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cresc.
f
drink - ing gourd.
cresc.
f