

Follow the Drinking Gourd

Traditional African-American folk song

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Pulsing, rhythmic yet legato ♩ = 96

p

S Fol-low, —

A

T *p* Fol - low, fol-low — the drink-ing gourd, fol - low — the

B *p hushed, with energy* Fol low, — fol-low — the drink-ing gourd, fol - low — the

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fol-low — the drink-ing gourd, ooh —

mp unis. When the sun goes back and the first quail calls,

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

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

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mp ah *mf* 9 unis. For the old man is a-wait-in' for to

mf fol - low the drink-ing gourd. Old man is a-wait-in' for to

mp drink - ing gourd. Old man is a-wait-in' for to

mp drink - ing gourd. Old man is a-wait-in' for to

mp *mf*

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f car - ry you to free-dom, fol - low the drink - ing gourd.

f car - ry you to free-dom, fol - low the drink - ing gourd.

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f car - ry you to free-dom, fol - low the drink - ing gourd.

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

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

Fol-low, fol - low the drink-ing gourd, we're gon - na fol - low the

Fol-low, fol - low the drink-ing gourd, we're gon - na fol - low the

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drink-ing gourd. Free - dom, free-dom,

drink-ing gourd. Free - dom, free-dom,

drink-ing gourd. For the old man is a-wait - in' for to car - ry you to free-dom,

drink-ing gourd. For the old man is a-wait - in' for to car - ry you to free-dom,

f unis. *mp* *mf* [21]

fol - low the drink - ing gourd. The riv - er bed makes a might -

f *mp* *mf*

fol - low the drink - ing gourd. The riv - er bed makes a might -

mp

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

mp

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

f *mf*

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- y fine road, dead trees to show you the way.

- y fine road, dead trees to show you the way.

mf

fol - low, fol - low, free - dom, free-dom, and it's

mf

fol - low, fol - low, free - dom, free-dom, and it's

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peg foot, then trav-el-ing, fol - low the drink - ing gourd.

peg foot, then trav-el-ing, fol - low the drink - ing unis.

left foot, then trav-el-ing on, fol-low the drink - ing unis.

left foot, then trav-el-ing on, fol-low the drink - ing

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Fol - low the drink - ing gourd, gourd, fol - low, fol - low. Fol - low the drink - ing gourd, we're gon - na

Fol - low the drink - ing gourd, we're gon - na

Fol - low the drink - ing gourd, we're gon - na

Fol - low the drink - ing gourd, we're gon - na

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fol - low the drink - ing gourd.

fol - low the drink - ing gourd.

fol - low the drink - ing

fol - low the drink -

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mf unis. The riv-er ends be-tween two hills,

mf The riv-er ends be-tween two hills,

mf gourd. Fol - low, fol-low, fol - low, fol - low, fol-low the

mf - ing gourd. Fol - low, fol-low, fol - low, fol - low, fol-low the

fol - low the drink - ing gourd. There's an - oth - er riv - er on the
 fol - low the drink - ing gourd. There's an - oth - er riv - er on the
 drink - ing, the drink - ing gourd, fol - low, fol - low.
 drink - ing, the drink - ing gourd, fol - low, fol - low.

unis. 44

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oth - er side, fol - low the drink - ing
 oth - er side, fol - low the drink - ing
 There's an - oth - er riv - er, fol - low the drink - ing
 unis. There's an - oth - er riv - er, fol - low the drink - ing

mp
mp
mp
mp
decresc.

mf *mp* *f*

uh

uh

old man is wait-in' to car-ry you to free-dom. car-ry you to free-dom, fol-low the drink-ing gourd.

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60 $\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ unis.

Fol - low, fol - low,

Fol - low, fol - low,

Fol - low, fol - low, fol - low,

Fol - low, fol - low, fol - low,

f

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fol - low the drink - ing gourd, and it's

fol - low the drink - ing gourd, and it's

fol - low the drink - ing gourd, and it's

fol - low the drink - ing gourd, and it's

fol - low the drink - ing gourd, and it's

68 *molto rit.*

peg foot, trav - el - ing on, fol - low the *molto rit.*

peg foot, trav - el - ing on, fol - low the *molto rit.*

left foot, then trav - el - ing on, *molto rit.*

left foot, then trav - el - ing on, *molto rit.*

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drink - ing gourd, fol - low! *fff*

drink - ing gourd! *fff*

fol - low, fol - low the drink - ing gourd! *fff*

fol - low, fol - low the drink - ing gourd! *fff*