

Follow the Drinking Gourd



African American
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Fol - low _____ the drink - ing gourd.

(fol - low)

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The first system of musical notation is for the first two measures of the song. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4) followed by a quarter note (C5), a quarter rest, and a quarter note (Bb4). The lyrics "Fol - low _____ the drink - ing gourd." are written below the staff. The bass line consists of a whole chord (F4, Bb4) in the first measure, followed by a half note (F4) and a quarter note (Bb4) in the second measure. Fingerings are indicated as 1-2 for the first measure and 5-1-5 for the second measure.

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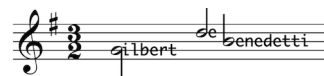
Fol-low _____ the drink - ing gourd. For the old man is a-wait-ing for to

(fol-low)

1 2

The second system of musical notation continues the song. It is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody starts with a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4) followed by a quarter note (C5), a quarter rest, and a quarter note (Bb4). The lyrics "Fol-low _____ the drink - ing gourd. For the old man is a-wait-ing for to" are written below the staff. The bass line consists of a whole chord (F4, Bb4) in the first measure, followed by a half note (F4) and a quarter note (Bb4) in the second measure. Fingerings are indicated as 1-2 for the first measure and 3-3-1-3 for the second measure.

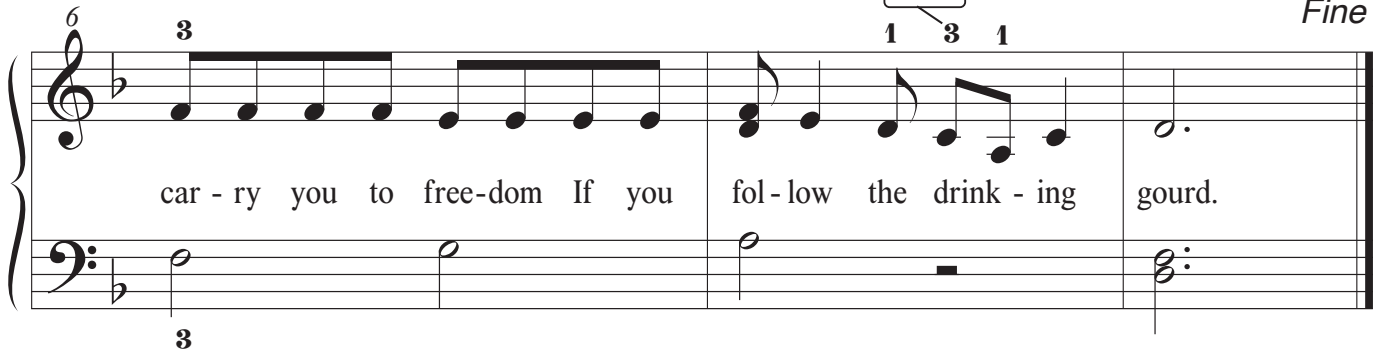
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car - ry you to free-dom If you fol - low the drink - ing gourd.

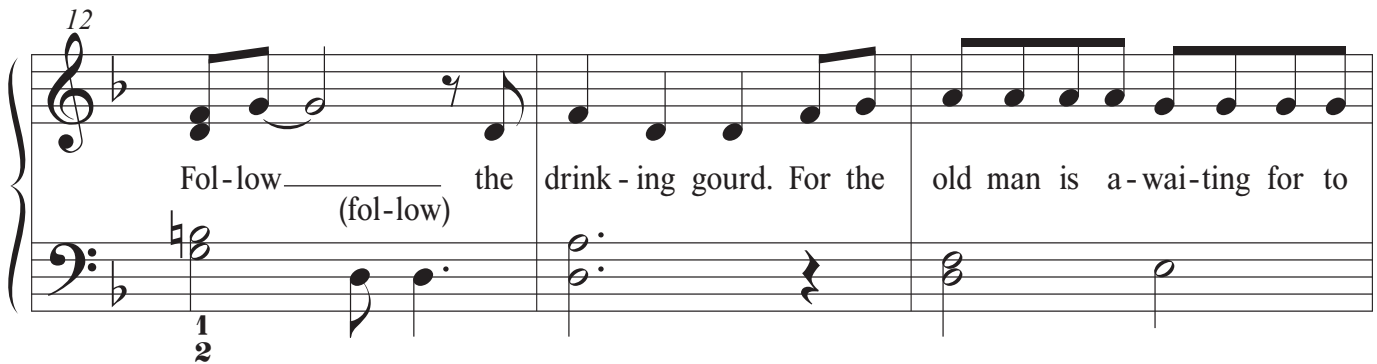
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When the sun comes back and the first quail calls,—

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Fol-low (fol-low) the drink - ing gourd. For the old man is a - wai-ting for to

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