## **Gentle on My Mind**

## **John Hartford**

Okay I'm not done yet. I'll continue after work.

It's knowing that your door is always open

And that you path is free to walk

That makes me tend leave my sleeping bag rolled up

And stashed behind yer couch

And it's knowing I'm not shackled by forgotten words and bonds

And the ink stains dried upon some line

That keeps you in back roads by the rivers of my memory

Keeps you ever gentle on my mindNot clinging to the rocks and ivy planted on their columns

Now that binds me

Or something that somebody said

Because they thought we fit together walking It's just knowing that the world will not be cursing or forgiving

When I walk along some railroad tracks and find

That you're waving from the back roads by the rivers of my memory

For hours you're just gentle on my mindAll the wheat fields, and the clotheslines, and the highways come

between us

And some other woman crying to her mother
'Cause she turned and I was gone
I still might run in silence
Tears of joy might stain my face
And a summer sun might burn me til I'm blind
But not to where I cannot see you walking on the back roads
By the rivers flowing gentle on my mind

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