



Gordon Lightfoot  
arr. M. Sirett

# Cotton Jenny

**Allegretto** ♩ = 140

Soprano Solo or unison *mf* A *\*women join in the lower register*

There's a \_\_\_\_\_ on a hill \_\_\_\_\_ By a

Piano *mp* *pedal freely*

*alla guitar picking*

worn down weath-ered old mi' \_\_\_\_\_ in the val-ley be-low \_\_\_\_\_ where the riv-er winds, \_\_\_\_\_ There's

no \_\_\_\_\_ thing as bad times, \_\_\_\_\_ And a soft \_\_\_\_\_ south-ern flame, \_\_\_\_\_ *\*women join in the lower register* Oh,

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Cot - ton Jen-ny's her name, She wakes me up when the sun goes down, And the



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*mf leg* **B**

wheels of love go round. love go round, round, round, Love go

*mf leggiero*

The wheels go round, the

*mf leggiero*

The wheels go round, the

*mf leggiero*

The wheels of love, love go round, the wheels of

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21 *mp*

round, go round, round, go

*mp*

wheels of love go round, love go round, and, A joy - ful

*mp*

wheels of love go round, the wheel go round, a joy - ful,

*mp*

love, love go round, the wheels of , love go round, a joy - ful



25 *mf*

round, a joy - ful sound ah, ah,

*mf*

sound, I ain't got a pen - ny for Cot - ton Jen - ny to

*mf*

a joy - ful sound, ah ah ah ah,

*mf*

so joy - ful sound, ah ah ah,

*mf*

29 *f* *mp*

wheels of love\_ go round, \_

*f* *mp*

spend, \_ but\_ then, the wheels\_ go round. \_

*f* *mp*

but\_ then, wheels of go round, \_

*f* *mp*

but then, v of love\_ go round, \_



33 *C* *mp*

Oo

*mp unis.*

In the hot\_ sick-ly south, \_ When they

37

oo oo

say 'well shut my mouth', He can ne-ver be free from the cot-tr grind But

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oo Oh, Oh,

I know I got what's mine. With a soft south-ern flame, Oh,

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*mf* Cot - tr ay's her name She wakes me up hm And the

*mf* on Jen-ny's her name, She wakes me up when the sun goes down, And the

*mp* *mf*

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*mf* *leggiero*

**D**

wheels of love go round. Wheels of love go round, round, round, Love go

wheels of love go round. The wheels and, the

wheels of love go round. The wheels go round, the

wheels of love go round. The wheels of love go round, the wheels of

*mf*

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*mp*

round, go round, round, go

wheels of love and, love go round, wheels go round, A joy - ful

wheels of go round, the wheels go round, a joy - ful,

love go round, the wheels of love, love go round, a joy - ful

*mp*

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*mf*  
 round, a joy-ful sound, ah, ah,  
*mf*  
 sound, I ain't got a pen-ny lot-ton Jen-ny to  
*mf*  
 a joy-ful sound, ah ah ah,  
*mf*  
 sound, a joy-ful ah ah,  
*mf*

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*f* *mp* *p*  
 wheels of love go round, wheels of love,  
*f* *mp* *p*  
 spend, then, the wheels go round. Oh, the  
*f* *mp* *p*  
 at then, wheels of love go round, oh, yes the  
*f* *mp*  
 but then, wheels of love go round,  
*f* *mp* *p*

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65 *p*  
wheels of love\_ go round.\_ whistle...  
*p*  
wheels of love\_ go round.\_ whistle...

69 *mf*  
When the new  
*mf*  
When the new

73  
be - gins, I go down to the cot - ton gin And I make my time  
day be - gins, I go down to the cot - ton gin And I make my time



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worth-while to them, — And she waits

worth-while to them, — Then climb back up And she waits

*mf* *mp* *mf* *mp* *mf*

81

by the door, — Oh, — ton Jen-ny, I'm sore, And she rubs my feet

by the door, — O' — Cot - ton Jen-ny, I'm sore, And she rubs my feet

*f* *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *mp*

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the sun goes down, — And the wheels of love — go

while the sun goes down, — And the wheels of love — go

*mf* *mf* *mf*

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*leggiero*

'round. Wheels of love go round, round, round, Love go round, 'round. The wheels go round, the wheels of love go round, 'round. The wheels go round, wheels of love go round, 'round. The wheels of love, love go round, wheels of love, love go

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*mp*

Solo:

*mf*

go round, joy-ful sound, go round, a joy-ful sound, love go round, A joy-ful sound, I ain't the wheels go round, a joy-ful, a joy-ful sound, ah the wheels of love, love go round, a joy-ful sound, a joy-ful sound, ah

Solo:

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ah, ah, wheels of love go round,  
 got a pen-ny for Cot - ton Jen-ny to spend, but then, the wh-els go round.  
 ah ah ah, but the wheels of love go round,  
 ah ah, then, wheels of love go round,

*f* *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *mp* *f* *mp*

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wheels of love, love go round, wheels of love, of love go round,  
 wheels of love go round, the wheels of love go round,  
 wheels of love go round, The wheels of love go round,  
 oh, yes the wheels of love go round, oh, yes the wheels of love go round,

*p* *p* *p* *p* *p*

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*pp* wheels of love, of love. go round, Solo ad lib. The wheels go round. hm *pp*

*pp* the wheels of love go round, hm *pp*

*pp* the wheels of love go round, hm *pp*

*pp* oh, yes the wheels of love go round, hm

*pp*



**Gordon Lightfoot**, b. 1938, is a Canadian singer-songwriter who achieved international success in folk, folk-rock, and country music, and has been credited for helping define the folk-pop sound of the 1960s and 1970s. He has been referred to as Canada's greatest songwriter and internationally as a folk-rock legend. His songs have been recorded by some of the world's most renowned recording artists, including Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Hank Williams Jr., The Kingston Trio, Marty Robbins, Jerry Lee Lewis, Bob Dylan, Judy Collins, Barbra Streisand, Johnny Mathis, Richie Havens, Harry Belafonte, Sarah McLachlan, John Mellencamp, Peter, Paul and Mary, Glen Campbell, Anne Murray, The Irish Rovers and Olivia Newton-John. Robbie Robertson of The Band declared that Lightfoot was one of his "favourite Canadian songwriters and is absolutely a national treasure." Bob Dylan, also a Lightfoot fan, called him one of his favourite songwriters, and in an often-quoted tribute to his fellow songwriter, Dylan once observed that when he heard a Gordon Lightfoot song he wished "it would last forever."



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