

# Tumbling Tumbleweeds

First recorded by The Sons of the Pioneers in 1934 this reflective song has become an iconic Western song. Over the years it has been recorded by Western stars like Roy Rogers and Gene Autry, but also more mainstream artists like Kate Smith and The Supremes.

**Performance notes:** Imagine yourself in the American wilderness riding an old horse while considering your life. The repeated triplets in both the right and left hands will evoke the swaying pattern of the song. Keep the tempo steady and calm. Whatever you do, don't rush!

Slowly  $\text{♩} = 70$

**Chords:** F, Dm, Am, C7, F7, C, C#°, G7, C, C+, F, F7

**Lyrics:**  
See them tumbling down,  
Pledging their love to the ground,  
Lone - - ly but free I'll be found,  
Drift - ing a - long with the Tum - bling  
Tum - ble - weeds.  
Cares of the past are be - hind,

**Tempo/Volume markings:** mp, mf

15 E E7 F C C#°

No - where to go, but I'll find Just where the trail will wind,

19 G7 C Fm6 G7

Drift - ing - lon with the tum - bling Tum - ble - weeds, I know when night has

22 C Am6 B Em B7 G9 F

gone that a new world's born at dawn, I'll keep roll-ing a -

26 F7 E E7 F

long, keep in my heart is a song, Me on the range I be-

30 C C#° G7 C

long, Drift - ing a - long with the Tum - bling Tum - ble - weeds.