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## **David Houston** "Gentle On My Mind"

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It's knowin' you don't try to buy my freedom With some promise made of gold That for you my door stays open And our love becomes a simple two-way street

And it's knowin' we're not shackled By forgotten words and bonds And the ink stains that have dried upon some line That keeps you on the back roads

By the rivers of my memory That keeps you ever gentle on my mind

It's not clingin' to the rocks and ivy Planted on some column now that binds us Or somethin' that somebody said Because they thought we fit together walkin'

It's just knowin' that the world Will not be cursin' or forgivin' When I drift in through the market place and find That you're movin' on the back roads

By the rivers of my memory For hours you're just gentle on my mind

Oh the wheat fields and the clothes lines And the junkyards and the highways come between us And some other woman cryin' to her mother 'Cause she turned and you were gone

I still might walk for hours Tears of joy might stain my face And the summer sun might burn me till I'm blind But not to where I cannot see

You movin' on the back roads By the rivers flowin' gentle on my mind

The shutters creak and Autumn winds That make me draw inside myself in silence Cross-legged now I sit and watch

The endless chase of leaves across my garden

And layin' down my hairbrush I lean backward in my window seat and find That you're movin' on the back roads

By the rivers of my memory Ever smilin', ever gentle on my mind

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