

## Sue Thompson

# "James (hold The Ladder Steady)"

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(peak Billboard position # 17 in 1962)  
Words and Music by John D. Loudermilk  
James, James hold the ladder steady  
James, James I'm packed tonight I'm ready  
James, James hold the ladder steady  
I'm a'comin' down to your ar-ar-ar-rms  
I'm a'comin' down to your arms.  
Now James and I we went to mama and showed her my  
diamond ring  
She said "my poor little baby, you must be crazy, to  
think of such a  
thing"  
So James, James hold the ladder steady  
James, James I'm packed tonight I'm ready  
James, James hold the ladder steady  
I'm a'comin' down to your ar-ar-ar-rms  
I'm a'comin' down to your arms.  
Now James and I we went to daddy and said that we  
want to be wed  
Daddy said "nope, you'll just have to elope" and  
laughed as he went to  
bed  
But James, James hold the ladder steady  
James, James I'm packed tonight I'm ready  
James, James hold the ladder steady  
I'm a'comin' down to your ar-ar-ar-rms  
I'm a'comin' down to your arms.  
I'd hate to see 'em in the morning when they both  
completely flip  
He'll be sayin' "they cain't", she'll be feeling faint  
And I'll be kissing my husband's lips  
So James, James hold the ladder steady  
James, James I'm packed tonight I'm ready  
James, James hold the ladder steady  
I'm a'comin' down to your ar-ar-ar-rms  
I'm a'comin' down to your arms.  
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James, James hold the ladder steady  
James, James I'm packed tonight I'm ready  
James, James hold the ladder steady

