

ELENA · UKRAINE

Ой Ходить Сон (Oi Khodyt Son)

Key: Am

~56 BPM

Guitar & Piano

VERSE 1

Am Dm Am
Ой ходить сон коло вікон,

Dm Am E7
а дрімота коло плота.

(Sleep walks by the windows, and Slumber walks by the fence.)

Am Dm Am
Dream walks softly by the panes,

Dm Am E7
Slumber waits along the lanes.

VERSE 2

Am Dm Am
Де хатонька теплесенька,

Dm Am E7
де дитина малесенька.

(Where the cottage is warm, where the little one is small.)

Am Dm Am
Where the little house is warm,

Dm Am E7
there we'll go and rock till dawn.

Am

Oi Khodyt Son Kolo Vikon ("Sleep Walks by the Windows") is one of Ukraine's oldest surviving lullabies, first recorded in the 1830s and sung ever since. It imagines Dream and Sleep as two soft, wandering figures searching the night for the warmest cottage and the smallest child to visit — a gentle way of saying that rest comes looking for those who need it most. In recent years the song has been sung and shared around the world as a quiet message of comfort for Ukraine's children.

Traditional Ukrainian lullaby. The English lines here are a singable adaptation for this arrangement, offered as a respectful tribute — not a literal translation.