

Twelve Joys of Mary (as collected)

Collected by Cecil Sharp 3-Apr-1907

Sung by Joseph Evans (83) of Old Sodbury
Words from Keziah Hawkins (91) at Old Sodbury

The first good joy that Ma-ry had It was the joy of one To -
5 see her own son Je - sus To suck at her breast bone. To -
9 suck at her breast bone, goodman O bless-ed may you be For_
13 Fath - er Son and Ho - ly Ghost and Christ E - ter - nal - ly.

The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one,
To see her own son Jesus (*her handsome Jesus*) to suck at her breast bone.
To suck at her breast bone, good man, O blessed may you be;
For Father, Son and Holy Ghost and Christ Eternally.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two,
To see her own son Jesus (*her handsome Jesus*) to make the lame to go.
To make the lame to go, good man, O blessed may you be;
For Father, Son and Holy Ghost and Christ Eternally.

(And so on, with)

three	make the blind to see	eight	to make the crooked straight
four	to read the Bible o'er	nine	to turn water into wine
five	to raise the dead to life	ten	to write with a golden pen
six	to bear the crucifix	eleven	to have the keys of heaven
seven	to wear the crown of heaven.	twelve	to have the keys of hell

Song as collected by Cecil Sharp. There is no separate copy for singing

Source: Sharp, manuscript copy ref FT1287(tune) and typed transcript FW1216 & FW1217 (words)

Notes:

1. Age from Sharp's notes
2. Sharp in his typed transcript of the words shows '**her own son Jesus (*her handsome Jesus*)**'. This appears to be a choice of phrases for the singer

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