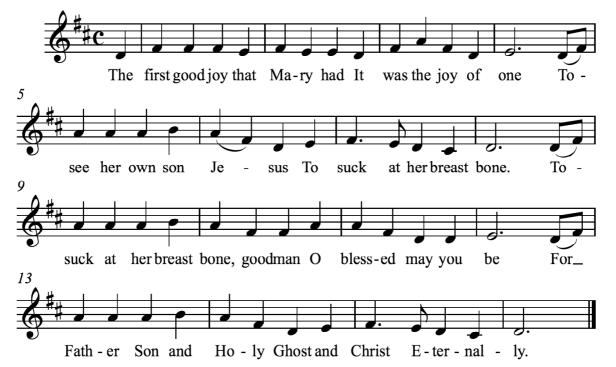
## Twelve Joys of Mary (as collected)

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 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

four to read the Bible o'er nine to turn water into wine

eight

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

make the blind to see

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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to make the crooked straight