

# The Seven Joys of Mary

Collected in Gravesend, Kent in the 1880s

*Andante*

Unison

1. The first good joy that Ma - ry had, It was the joy of one, \_\_\_\_\_ To see her own son Je - - sus, To ride a - bove the sun,

*p*

**CHORUS**

Unison

To ride a - bove the sun, good man, And bles - sed may He be; \_\_\_\_\_ Both Fa - - ther, Son, and Ho - - ly Ghost, To all et - er - - ni - - ty.

*Andante*

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2. The next good joy that Ma - - ry had, It was the joy of two, \_\_\_\_\_ To see her own son Je - - - sus, To make the lame to go.

*p*

**CHORUS**

Harmony

To make the lame to go, good man, And bles - sed may He be; \_\_\_\_\_ Both Fa - - ther, Son, and Ho - - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Ghost, To all et - er - - ni - - ty.

Melody

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*p*

3. The next good joy that mary had,  
It was the joy of three.  
When that her own son Jesus  
Did make the blind to see.  
*Ch.*  
*Did make the blind to see, good man...*

4. The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of four,  
To see her own son jesus,  
To read the Scriptures o'er.  
*Ch.*  
*To read the Scriptures o'er, good man...*

5. The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of five,  
To see her own son Jesus,  
To raise the dead to life.  
*Ch.*  
*To raise the dead to life, good man...*

6. The next good joy that Mary had,  
It was the joy of six,  
To see her own son Jesus,  
To wear the Crucifix.  
*Ch.*  
*To wear the Crucifix, good man...*

*mf*

7. The next good joy that Mary had  
It was the joy of seven,  
To see her own son Jesus,  
To wear the crown of heaven.  
*Ch. (Unison)*  
*To wear the crown of heaven, good man...*  
*Ch. (Harmony)*  
*To wear the crown of heaven, good man...*  
**Broad rall. to end.)**

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