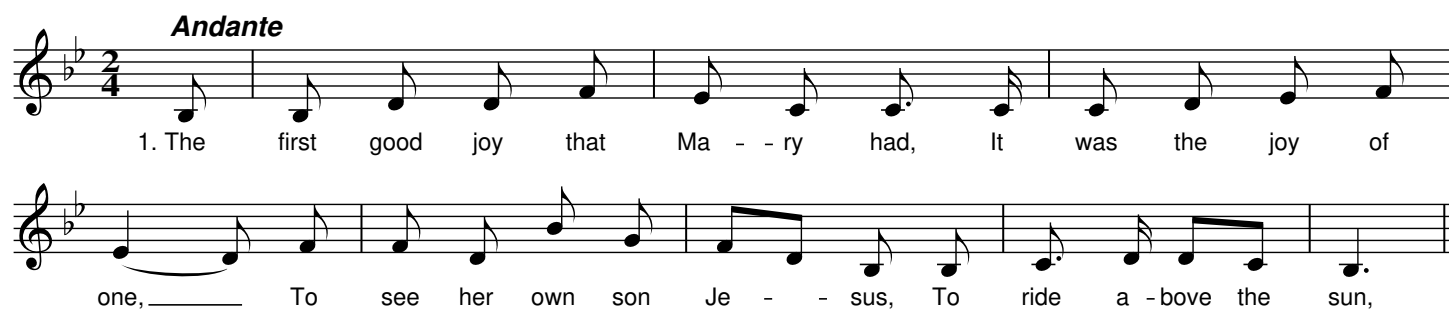


The Seven Joys of Mary

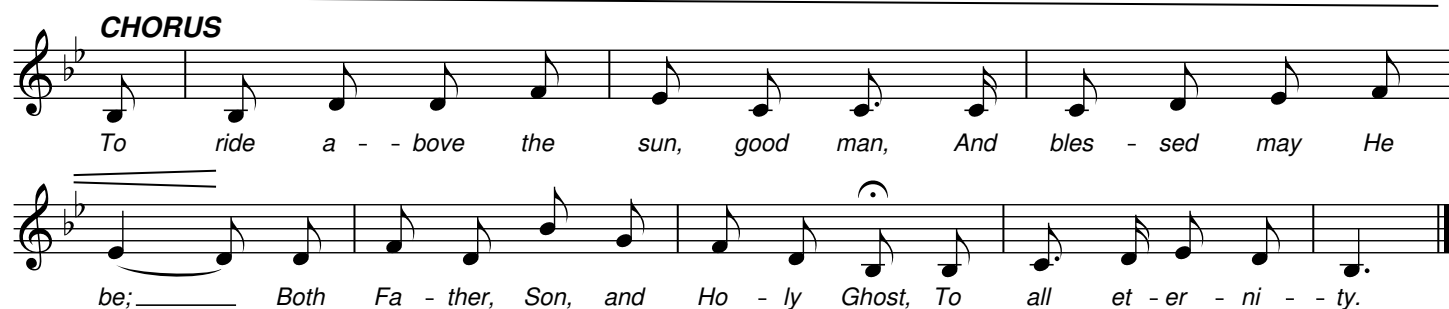
Collected in Gravesend, Kent in the 1880s

Andante



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,

CHORUS



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.

2. The next good joy that Mary had,
It was the joy of two,
To see her own son Jesus, |
To make the lame to go.
Ch.
To make the lame to go, good man...

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

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.)

*Taken from "A Kent Christmas", written and compiled by Geoff and Fran Doel.
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