

Poor Mary Sits A Weeping

1. Poor Ma - - ry sits a - - weep ___ ing a weep ___ ing a
weep ___ ing. Poor Ma - ry sits a weep ___ ing on a bright sum - mer's day.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat. The first staff contains the first line of the song, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

2. Oh, what is she a weeping for?...
3. She's weeping for her mother...
4. She's weeping for her father...
5. She's weeping for her brother...
6. She's weeping for her sister...
7. She's weeping for her husband...
8. She's weeping for her child...

Source: Children at Stanton School. Collected by Cecil Sharp 8/04/1909.

Notes: Sharp noted only the tune, so words have been supplied from a Stow-on-the-Wold version.

The game usually consists of a ring of children dancing around one child, who acts out the words.