

The Lily-white Boys

Oh, I'll sing you one - - o What is your one - o? When the one is
left a - lone he ev - er - more shall be so O, I'll sing you two - o. What is your
two - o? Two, two, the li - ly - white boys Cloth - ed all in green - o. When the one is
left a - lone He ev - er more shall be so. etc.

The tune continues in similar fashion to 12 as below:

Oh, I'll sing you twelve - o What is your twelve - o? Twelve for the twelve a - pos - tles,
'leven for the 'leven that went to heaven, Ten for the ten com - man - der's men,
Nine for the nine bright shi - ners, Eight for the Gab - riel stran - gers,
Seven for the seven stars in the sky, Six for the six proud wal - kers,
Five for the sym - bols in my path, Four for the gos - pel prea - - chers,
Three, three, the riv - o, Two, two, the li - ly - white boys Cloth - ed all in green - o.
When the one is left a - lone He ev - er more shall be so.

O, I'll sing you one-o.
What is your one-o?
When the one is left alone he ever more shall be so
O, I'll sing you two-o.
What is your two-o?
Two, two, the lily-white boys
Clothed all in green-o.
When the one is left alone
He evermore shall be so

--- and so on, with ---

Three, three the rivo
Four... for the gospel preachers
Five... for the symbols in my path
Six... for the six proud walkers
Seven... for the seven stars in the sky
Eight... for the Gabriel strangers
Nine... for the nine bright shiners
Ten... for the ten commander's men
Eleven... for the eleven that went to heaven
Twelve... for the twelve apostles

---Last verse ---

O, I'll sing you twelve-o.
What is your twelve-o?
Twelve for the twelve apostles,
Eleven for the eleven that went to heaven,
Ten for the ten commander's men,
Nine for the nine bright shiners,
Eight the Gabriel strangers,
Seven for the seven stars in the sky,
Six for the six proud walkers,
Five for the symbols in my path,
Four for the gospel preachers,
Three, three, the rivo,
Two, two, the lily-white boys
Clothed all in green-o.
When the one is left alone He evermore shall be so.

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