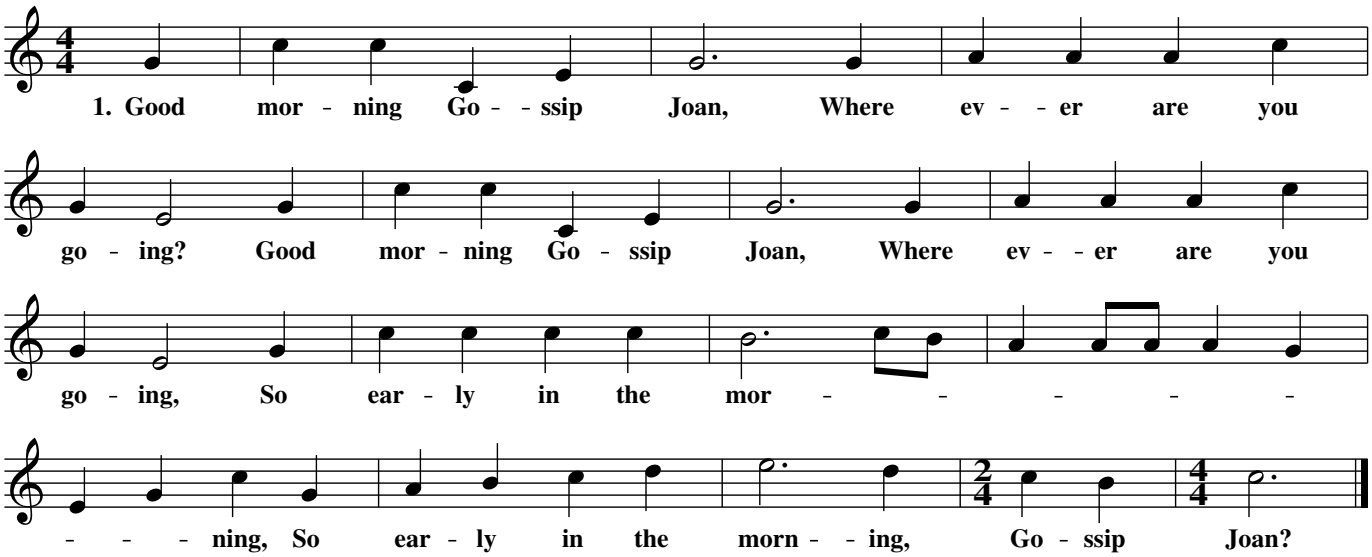
Gossip Joan



2. My petticoat I've lost, and I don't know where to find it, (twice)
   So early in the morn... ing,
   So early in the morning, Gossip Joan.

3. Oh my cherry cow is calved beneath the parlour window (twice)
   And we shall have some cherry curds, some cherry curds, some cherry curds
   For breakfast in the morning, Gossip Joan.

4. My pig he is not well, pray tell to me the matter (twice)
   For it was the other day, the other day, the other day
   That he ate the wooden platter, Gossip Joan.

5. My duck has swallowed a snail, oh isn't that a wonder? (twice)
   For his horns growed out of his twiggy wiggy wag to me, ah ha ha, true, oh ho ho
   As the drake split his jaws with laughing, Gossip Joan.

6. My wife she is got drunk and on the bed is sleeping. (twice)
   I will tell her in the morning, the morning, the morning,
   That she has been a-drinking, Gossip Joan.

7. Then off to the gin shop I did pop, to drive away all sorrow (twice)
   I will tell you all to me ah ha ha to me ah ho ho...
   We will rest till tomorrow morning, Gossip Joan.

Source: Mr William Henry Watts (72) at Tewkesbury. Collected by Cecil J. Sharp on 11 April 1908.
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