

## The Twelve Joys of Mary

The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one,  
To see her own son Jesus (her handsome Jesus) to suck at her breast bone.  
To suck at her breast bone, good man, O blessed may you be;  
For Father, Son and Holy Ghost and Christ Eternally.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two,  
To see her own son Jesus (her handsome Jesus) to make the lame to go.  
To make the lame to go, good man, O blessed may you be;  
For Father, Son and Holy Ghost and Christ Eternally.

(And so on, with)  
three    make the blind to see  
four    to read the Bible o'er  
five    to raise the dead to life  
six    to bear the crucifix  
seven    to wear the crown of heaven.  
eight    to make the crooked straight

nine    to turn water into wine  
ten    to write with a golden pen  
eleven    to have the keys of heaven  
twelve    to have the keys of hell

Source: Words only (no tune) from Keziah Hawkins (91) at Old Sodbury.  
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Notes: Sharp in his typed transcript of the words shows 'her own son Jesus (her handsome Jesus)'.  
This appears to be a choice of phrases for the singer.