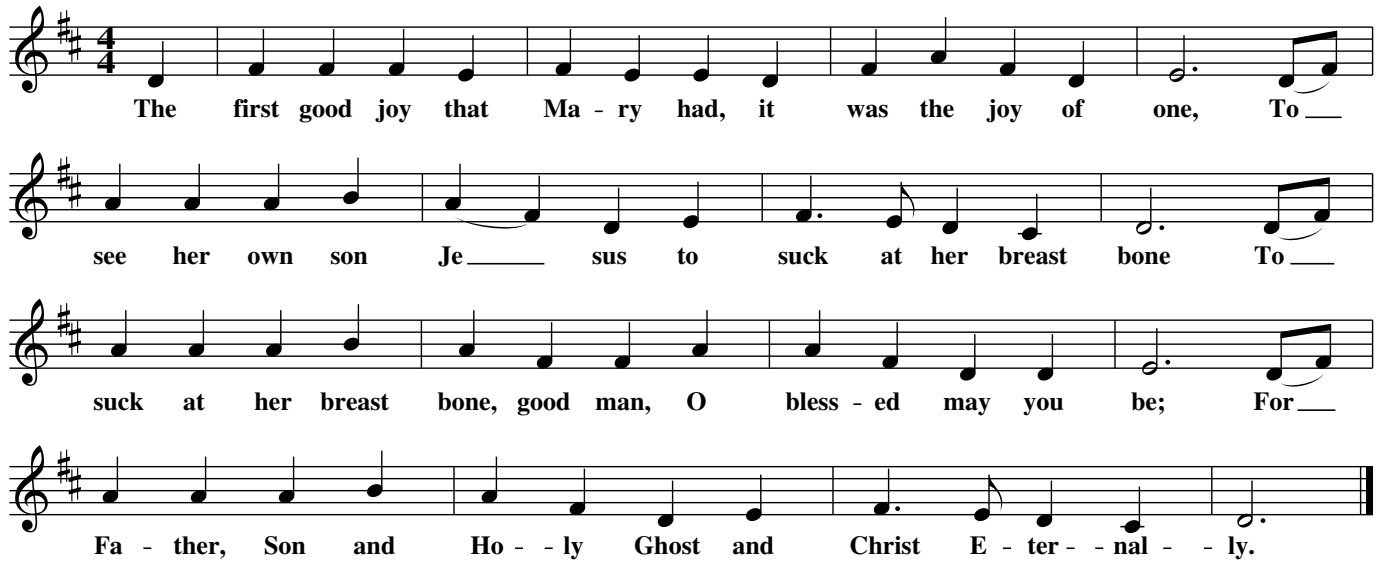


## The Twelve Joys of Mary



The first good joy that Ma - ry had, it was the joy of one, To —  
see her own son Je — sus to suck at her breast bone To —  
suck at her breast bone, good man, O bless - ed may you be; For —  
Fa - ther, Son and Ho - - ly Ghost and Christ E - ter - - nal - - ly.

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: Sung by Joseph Evans (83) of Old Sodbury words from Keziah Hawkins (91)  
Collected by Cecil Sharp, at Old Sodbury on 3 April 1907.

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.