

The Seven Blessings of Mary

Verse

Chorus

1. The very first blessing that Mary had,
 It was the blessing of one:
 To know that her son, Jesus
 Was God's only Son,
 Was God's only Son.

Refrain:

Come all ye to the wilderness,
 And glory be,
 Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost,
 Thro' all eternity.

2. The very next Blessing that Mary had,
 It was the blessing of two:
 To know that her son, Jesus
 Could read the Bible through,
 Could read the Bible through.

Refrain

3. The very next blessing that Mary had,
 It was the blessing of three:
 To know that her son, Jesus
 Could make the blind to see,
 Could make the blind to see.

Refrain

4. The very next blessing that Mary had,
 It was the blessing of four:
 To know that her son, Jesus
 Would live to help the poor,
 Would live to help the poor.

Refrain

5. The very next blessing that Mary had,
 It was the blessing of five:
 To know that her son, Jesus
 Could bring the dead alive
 Could bring the dead alive.

Refrain

6. The very next blessing that Mary had,
 It was the blessing of six:
 To know that her son, Jesus
 Was her Godly son
 Was her Godly son.

Refrain

7. The very next blessing that Mary had,
 It was the blessing of seven:
 To know that her son, Jesus
 Was safe at last in heaven
 Was safe at last in heaven.

Refrain

"Seven Blessings of Mary" is an American version of a long tradition of songs devoted to the Virgin Mary going back to the middle ages. Various versions feature five, seven, twelve or as many as fifteen blessings (or joys).

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