

The Devil's Questions

Child Ballad No. 1

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If you can't an-swer these ques-tions nine, Sing nine-ty-nine and nine-ty. Then

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you're not God's, you're one of mine, And you are the weav-er's bon-ny.

2. What is greener than the grass? Sing ninety-nine and ninety.
And what is smoother than crystal glass? And you are the weaver's bonny.

3. Oh, envy is greener than the grass, sing ninety-nine and ninety.
Flattery is smoother than crystal glass, and I am the weaver's bonny.

4. Oh, what is louder than a horn?
And what is sharper than the thorn? And you are the weaver's bonny.

5. Rumour is louder than the horn,
And hunger is sharper than the thorn. And I am the weaver's bonny.

6. Oh, what is brighter than the light?
And what is darker than the night? And you are the weaver's bonny.

7. Oh, truth is brighter than the light,
And falsehood's darker than the night, and I am the weaver's bonny.

8. Oh, what is keener than the axe?
And what is softer than melting wax? And you are the weaver's bonny.

9. Revenge is keener than the axe,
And love is softer than melting wax, And I am the weaver's bonny.

10. And what is rounder than the ring?
To this you must an answer bring, and you are the weaver's bonny.

11. The world is rounder than a ring,
And I have answered everything, and I am the weaver's bonny.

12. Yes, you have answered my questions nine,
And you are God's and not one of mine, and you are the weaver's bonny.