Green Grow The Rushes-Ho

Words & Music: Traditional English

This is an example of a traditional old English Pagan song which was "Christianized" over the years. While I've seen a new version rewritten in the π tradition of Asatru, I'd love the original words if anyone has them!

D G A7 D I'll sing you one-ho! Green grow the rushes-ho! D G D G A7 D What is your one-ho? One is one and all alone and evermore shall it be so.

I'll sing you two-ho! Green grow the rushes-ho! What is your two-ho? Two, two the lily-white boys all clothed in green-ho! One is one and all alone and evermore shall it be so.

I'll sing you three-ho! Green grow the rushes-ho! What is your three-ho? Three, three, the rivals be. Two, two the lily-white boys. One is one and all alone and evermore shall it be so.

I'll sing you four-ho! Green grow the rushes-ho! What is your four-ho? Four, for the Gospel makers. Three, three, the rivals be. Two, two the lily-white boys. One is one and all alone and evermore shall it be so.

I'll sing you five-ho! Green grow the rushes-ho! What is your five-ho? Five for the symbols at your door. Four, for the Gospel makers. Three, three, the rivals be. Two, two the lily-white boys. One is one and all alone and evermore shall it be so.

I'll sing you six-ho! Green grow the rushes-ho! What is your six-ho? Six for the six proud walkers. Five for the symbols at your door. Four, for the Gospel makers. Three, three, the rivals be. Two, two the lily-white boys. One is one and all alone and evermore shall it be so.

I'll sing you seven-ho! Green grow the rushes-ho! What is your seven-ho? Seven for the stars in the sky. Six for the six proud walkers. Five for the symbols at your door. Four, for the Gospel makers. Three, three, the rivals be. Two, two the lily-white boys. One is one and all alone and evermore shall it be so. I'll sing you eight-ho! Green grow the rushes-ho! What is your eight-ho? Eight for the April rainers. Seven for the stars in the sky. Six for the six proud walkers. Five for the symbols at your door. Four, for the Gospel makers. Three, three, the rivals be. Two, two the lily-white boys. One is one and all alone and evermore shall it be so.

I'll sing you nine-ho! Green grow the rushes-ho!
What is your nine-ho? Nine for the nine bright shiners.
Eight for the April rainers. Seven for the stars in the sky.
Six for the six proud walkers. Five for the symbols at your door.
Four, for the Gospel makers. Three, three, the rivals be.
Two, two the lily-white boys. One is one and all alone and evermore shall it be so.

I'll sing you ten-ho! Green grow the rushes-ho! What is your ten-ho? Ten for the ten commandments. Nine for the nine bright shiners. Eight for the April rainers. Seven for the stars in the sky. Six for the six proud walkers. Five for the symbols at your door. Four, for the Gospel makers. Three, three, the rivals be. Two, two the lily-white boys. One is one and all alone and evermore shall it be so.

I'll sing you eleven-ho! Green grow the rushes-ho! What is your eleven-ho? Eleven for the ones who went to heaven. Ten for the ten commandments. Nine for the nine bright shiners. Eight for the April rainers. Seven for the stars in the sky. Six for the six proud walkers. Five for the symbols at your door. Four, for the Gospel makers. Three, three, the rivals be. Two, two the lily-white boys. One is one and all alone and evermore shall it be so.

I'll sing you twelve-ho! Green grow the rushes-ho! What is your twelve-ho? Twelve for the twelve apostles. Eleven for the ones who went to heaven. Ten for the ten commandments. Nine for the nine bright shiners. Eight for the April rainers. Seven for the stars in the sky. Six for the six proud walkers. Five for the symbols at your door. Four, for the Gospel makers. Three, three, the rivals be. Two, two the lily-white boys. One is one and all alone and evermore shall it be so.