

Silvery River

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(Steadily)

'Twas the fore part of the Sum-mer When the air is sweet and clear Ma - ry Jane went
out a - walk - ing For to take the morn - ing air To take the morn - ing air

- 1 'Twas the fore part of the Summer
When the air is sweet and clear
Mary Jane went out a-walking
For to take the morning air
To take the morning air
- 2 Through the fields and woods she wandered
Through the lanes both short and long
Down to the banks of the Silvery River
And she wandered all alone
She wandered all alone
- 3 Down by the banks of the Silvery River
Sitting on a tree trunk for a seat
Who should she meet but a little beggar lady
She had no shoes on her feet
No shoes upon her feet
- 4 "What will you give?" said the little beggar lady
"For you are rich and I am poor
"What will you give to a little beggar lady?
"For I am weary, sad and sore
"I'm weary and so sore"
- 5 Mary Jane thought just for a moment
Then, taking the new shoes off her feet
"Take this gift that I have from my true love
"Whom I hope this day to meet
"I hope him for to meet"
- 6 The little beggar lady was gone in an instant
Putting on the shoes as she danced away
"Thank you, pretty maiden, for your kindness
"May you find some joy today
"May you find joy today"

- 7 Mary Jane sat down by the river
There she waited the live long day
Till at last she could stay no longer
Sadly homeward made her way
So sadly made her way
- 8 Mary Jane made her way homeward
As the evening sun went down
Who should she meet but her own true lover
Sitting on the river bank all alone
On the river bank alone
- 9 "Oh, Mary Jane, 'tis a joy for to see you
"But oh, my love, it might not have been
"For I've nearly drowned in the Silvery River
"And I am wet, love, to my skin
"I'm wet unto the skin"
- 10 "Fast as I could, I was coming for to meet you
"When my horse - he tumbled down
"Threw me to the deep, dark water
"And I fear that I might drown
"I'm sure that I must drown"
- 11 "But I was saved by a little beggar lady
"Threw me a rope from the river side
"Had no shoes upon her feet
"So I gave her my horse that she might ride
"My horse that she might ride"
- 12 'Twas the fore part of the Summer
When the air is clear and sweet
Queen of the Fairies, riding a stallion
She has new shoes on her feet
New shoes upon her feet
New shoes upon her feet