

When Mary goes walking

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The first verse I used for grade 1 eurythmy lessons. After a few years I added the remaining verses so that I could build up the poem over a period of time until we reached Advent and Christmas.

When Mary goes walking
The autumn winds blow
The poplars they curtsy
The larches bend low —
The oaks and the beeches
Their gold they fling down
To make her a carpet
To make her a crown.

When Mary goes wand'ring
The sun shines like gold
The wheat and the barley
Their goodness unfold —
The larks in the meadow
Praise her from the sky
And sing her a glad song
Till evening is nigh.

When Mary is sleeping
The autumn stars shine
They twinkle and shimmer
In darkest night time—
The moon with its waxing
And waning on high
Whispers its secrets
For Mary's delight.

For Mary is golden,
For Mary is true,
For she bears the Christ Child
For me and for you.