

One for sorrow, two for joy

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A nursery rhyme to recite / sing when you see one magpie or more.

Traditionally a number of magpies determine one's fortune.

Many rhymes continue: Eight for a wish, Nine for a kiss, Ten for a bird,

You must not miss. Find out more at:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_for_Sorrow_\(nursery_rhyme\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_for_Sorrow_(nursery_rhyme))

The one below I remembered chanting with my siblings as a child. The melody and doleful last couplet was added by Dany Rosevear.

One for sor- row, Two for joy, Three for a girl, And four for a boy,
Five for sil - ver, Six for gold, Sev - en for a sec - ret Nev - er to be told.
Mag - pie, mag - pie why - do you sigh? I sit so a - lone as the world - goes - by.



One for sorrow,
Two for joy,
Three for a girl,
Four for a boy,
Five for silver,
Six for gold,
Seven for a secret,
Never to be told.



Magpie, magpie, why do you sigh?
I sit so alone as the world goes by.