

Mary, Did You Know?

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 Mary, did you know That your baby boy will some day walk

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 on water? Mary, did you know That your baby boy

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 will save our sons and daughters? Did you know that your baby boy

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 has come to make you new This child that you've delivered will soon

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 deliver you Mary, did you know That your baby boy

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 Will give sight to a blind man? Mary, did you know That your

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 baby boy Will calm a storm with his hand? Did you know that your

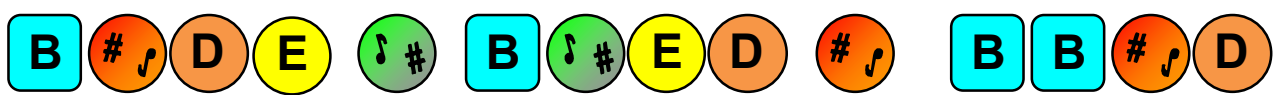
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 baby boy Has walked where angels trod? When you kiss your little

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 baby You've kissed the face of God? The blind will see, the deaf

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 will hear And the dead will live again. The lame will leap, the dumb

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 will speak The praises of the lamb...

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Mary, did you know That your baby boy is Lord of all



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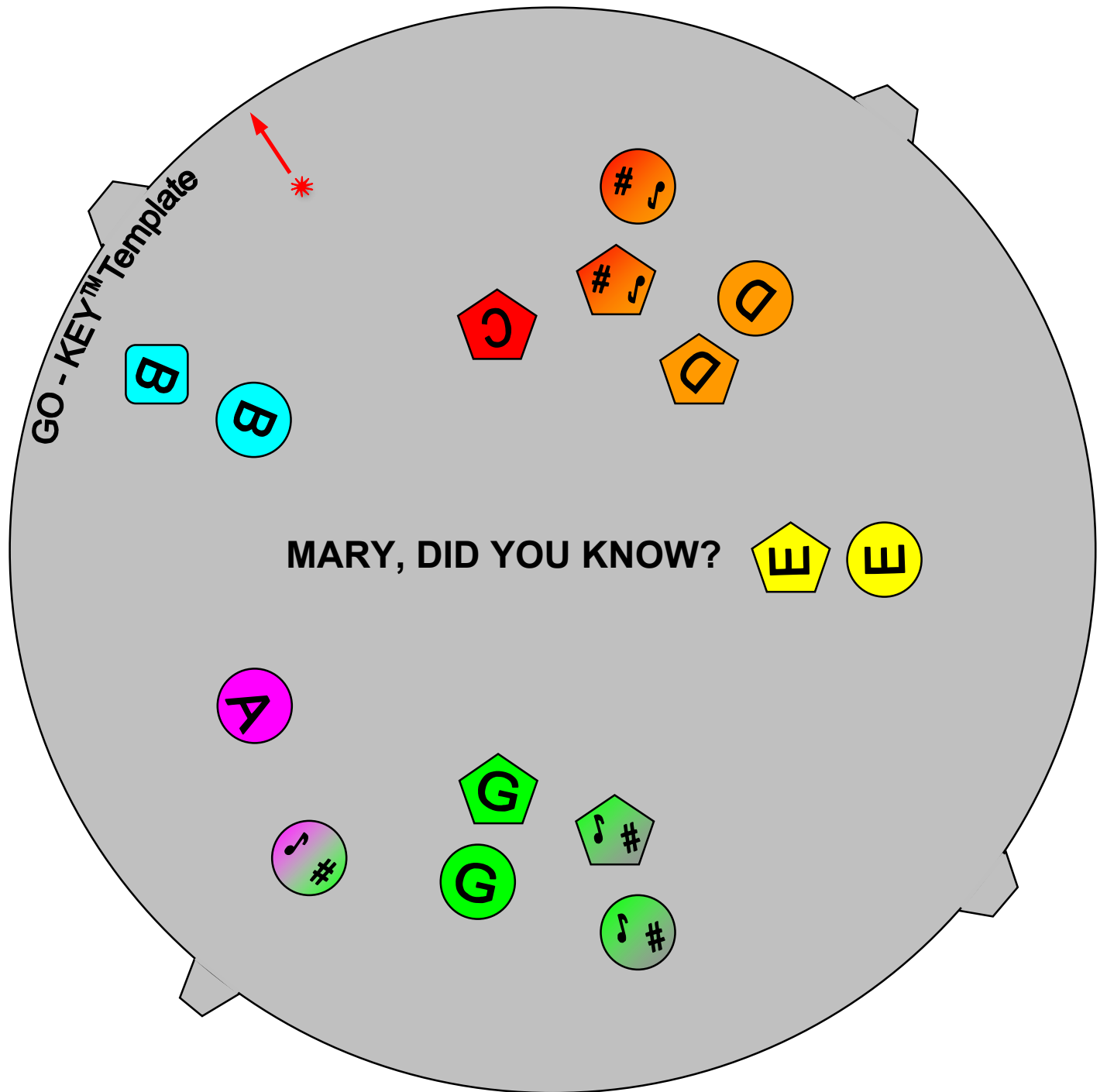
will one day rule the nations? Did you know that your baby boy



is heavens perfect lamb? The sleeping child your holding is the



great I am....



History and Origin

"Mary, Did You Know?" is a Christmas song addressing Mary, mother of Jesus, with lyrics written by Mark Lowry in 1984, and music written by Buddy Greene in 1991. It was originally recorded by Christian recording artist Michael English on his self-titled debut solo album in 1991. At the time, English and Lowry were members of the Gaither Vocal Band, and Greene was touring with them. The song reached Number 6 on CCM Magazine's Adult Contemporary Chart. Lowry would record the song several times himself, most notably with the Gaither Vocal Band on their 1998 Christmas album, *Still the Greatest Story Ever Told*.

The song has since gone on to become a modern Christmas classic, recorded by hundreds of artists over the years, across multiple genres. Different versions have reached the top ten in the Billboard R&B and Holiday charts.

The lyrics evolved from a series of questions that Lowry scripted for a Christmas program at his church: I just tried to put into words the unfathomable. I started thinking of the questions I would have for her if I were to sit down and have coffee with Mary. You know, "What was it like raising God?" "What did you know?" "What didn't you know?"

None of the questions are answered in the song. Instead, the lyrics poetically invite the listener to contemplate the relationship between Mary and her newborn divine son, even if her faith and awareness did not yet include the details of what would unfold.

A duet version, recorded by Wynonna Judd and Kenny Rogers on Rogers' holiday album *The Gift*, peaked at No. 55 on the Billboard Hot Country Singles & Tracks chart in 1997.

"Mary, Did You Know?" was Clay Aiken's fifth single from his 2004 Christmas album *Merry Christmas with Love*. Aiken performed the song on *The Tyra Banks Show*.

"Mary, Did You Know?" is the eleventh track on Cee Lo's Christmas album *Cee Lo's Magic Moment*. On December 15, 2012, the song appeared on the US R&B Songs chart at number 22, and peaked three weeks later at number 9. This version is the slowest of all. It also served as the closing credits song to the 2014 20th Century Fox movie *Son of God*.

"Mary, Did You Know?" is the sixth track on Pentatonix's second Christmas album, *That's Christmas to Me*. The song both debuted and peaked at No. 26 on the weekly Billboard Hot 100 chart for the week ending December 6, 2014.

In 2015, Jordan Smith performed the song on *The Voice*'s season nine finals. This version debuted and peaked at No. 24 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart and at No. 2 on the Billboard Holiday 100 chart on the week ending January 2, 2016.

The song was used as the basis for a stage musical, written by David Guthrie and Bruce Greer and also titled *Mary, Did You Know?*, which won the 1999 Gospel Music Association Dove Award for Musical of the Year.