

# Mary Ann

(chorus)

START

ALL DAY ALL NIGHT MARY ANN

DOWN BY THE SEA SHORE SIFTING SAND

EVEN LITTLE CHILDREN LOVE MARY ANN

DOWN BY THE SEA SIDE SIFTING SAND

## Lyrics (Harry Belafonte)

Mary Ann, Oh, Mary Ann  
 Oh, won't you marry me?  
 We can have a bamboo hut  
 With brandy in the tea  
 Leave your fat old mama home  
 She never will say yes  
 If your mama don't know now  
 She can guess.

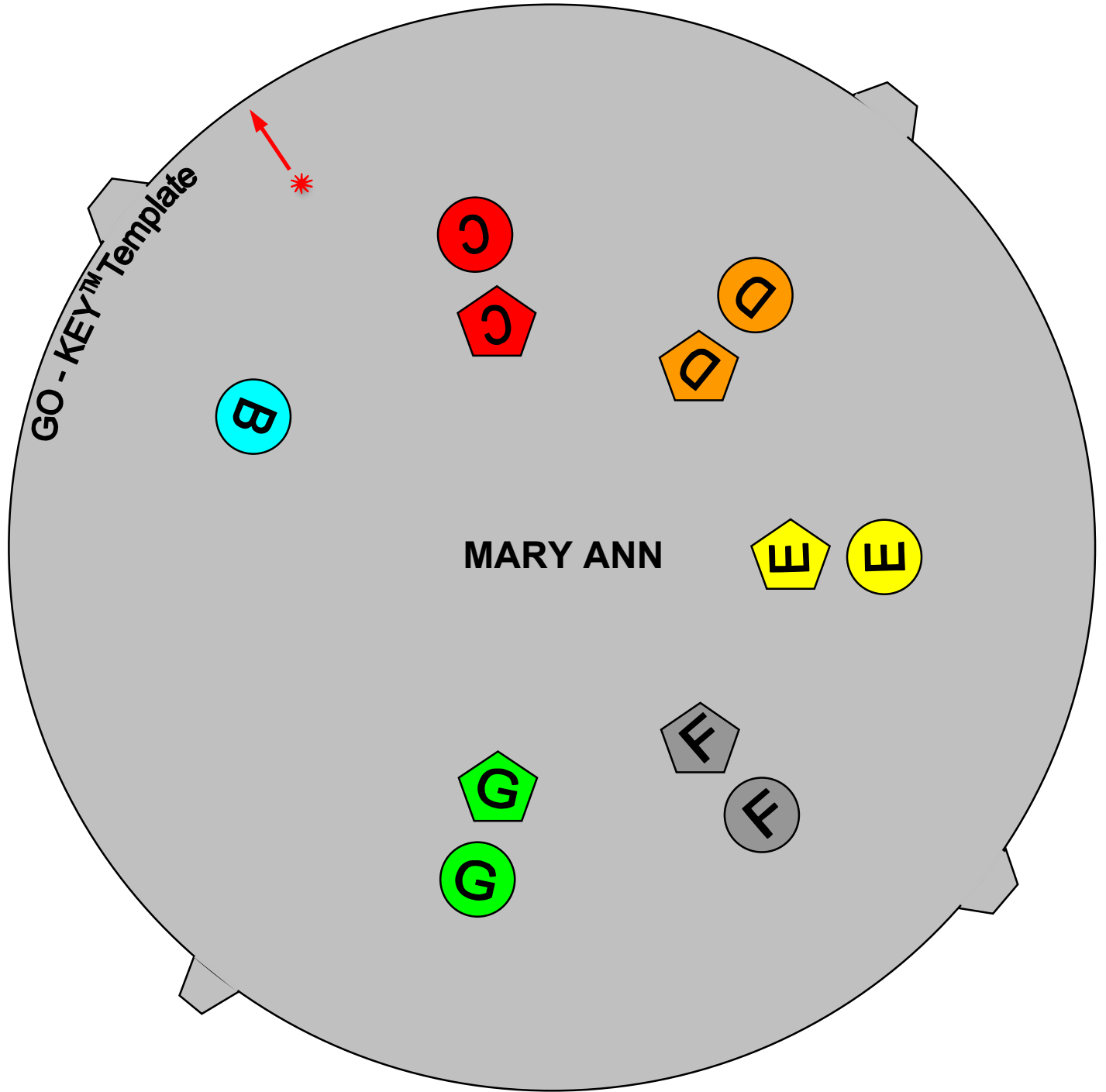
### Chorus

When she walks along the shore  
 People pause to greet  
 White birds fly around her  
 Little fish come to her feet

In her heart is love  
 But I'm the only mortal man  
 Who's allowed to kiss  
 My Mary Ann.

### Chorus.

And when we marry, we will have  
 A time you never saw  
 I will be so happy  
 I will kiss my mother-in-law  
 Children by the dozen  
 In and out the bamboo hut  
 One for every palm tree  
 And cocunut.



## History and Origin

**"Mary Ann"**, a 1928 song written by Abner Silver and Benny Davis

Made popular by Harry Belafonte an American singer, songwriter, actor, and social activist. One of the most successful Caribbean American pop stars in history, he was dubbed the "King of Calypso" for popularizing the Caribbean musical style with an international audience in the 1950s. His breakthrough album Calypso (1956) is the first million selling album by a single artist.

Other singers;

- "Mary Ann" (Ray Charles song), 1956
- "Mary Ann", a song by Alice Cooper from the 1973 album Billion Dollar Babies
- "Mary Ann", a song by Bob Dylan from the 1973 album Dylan
- "Mary Ann", a 1973 song by Vladimir Vysotsky
- "Mary Ann", a 1975 song by Andy Kim
- "Mary Ann" (Black Lace song), 1979