

Mary, Did You Know?

Lyrics by Mark Lowry & music by Buddy Greene (1991)

Keys of Am, Dm & Em

"Mary, Did You Know?" is a Christmas song with lyrics written by Mark Lowry (born June 24, 1958 and a member of the Gaither Vocal Band from 1988 to 2002 and 2009-2013) and music written by Buddy Greene (born October 30, 1953). It was originally recorded by Christian recording artist Michael English (born April 12, 1962 and a member of the Gaither Vocal Band from 1985–94 and 2009–13) on his self-titled debut solo album in 1991. It reached No. 6 on CCM Magazine's AC 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, being recorded by many artists over the years across multiple genres.

"Mary, Did You Know?" is originally in the key of E \flat minor (3 flats), with a tempo of 53 beats per minute based around a chord progression of E \flat m–D \flat –A \flat m–B \flat 7sus4–B \flat 7 [i VII iv V] and is in the 4/4 meter.

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.

Criticism.

"Mary, Did You Know?" remains a popular piece of Christmas music, although some criticize it for what they perceive as a lack of scriptural or theological depth. For example, Lutheran writer Holly Scheer, in addressing the rhetorical-question title of the song writes that those familiar with "the biblical account of Christ's conception and birth shouldn't need to ask if Mary knew, because the Bible plainly tells us she did."

On the other hand the Roman Catholic author Karl Erickson implored people to praise "Mary, Did You Know?" as a "beautiful expression of God's love for all of us" and responded to criticism of the piece, stating that "Mary, Did You Know is a song and not a theological essay. Even as simple Christmas music, however, it does a fine job conveying the beauty and profound mystery of the Incarnation. Yes, there is some poetic license taken within the lyrics, but much less than is taken within innumerable other songs we are asked to sing regularly—Sing a New Church, for example."

Source: Wikipedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary,_Did_You_Know

Note: In all versions, the introduction can be extended to, for example, the last two lines of the first verse, etc.

At YouTube –

- Mark Lowry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bXmfkFoX-PE>
- Wynonna Judd & Kenny Rogers: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mN70R-3ao0U>
- Clay Aiken: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_srtfgf2gqQ

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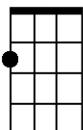
Key of Am

As performed by Mark Lowry

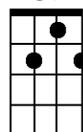
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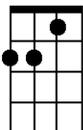
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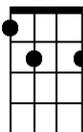
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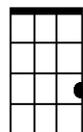
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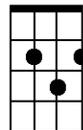
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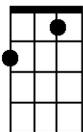
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Introduction: Am

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
would one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your Baby Boy
Has come to make you new?
The Child that you delivered
will soon deliver you.

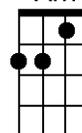
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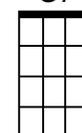
Did you know that your Baby Boy
Has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little Baby
You kissed the face of God?

Bari

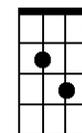
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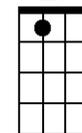
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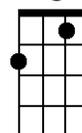
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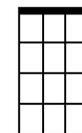
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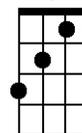
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Bridge

The blind will see.
The deaf will hear.
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap.
The dumb will speak
The praises of The Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
would one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your Baby Boy
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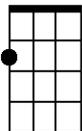
Key of Am

As performed by Kenny Rogers and Wynonna Judd

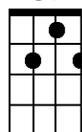
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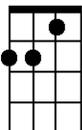
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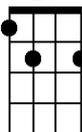
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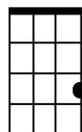
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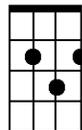
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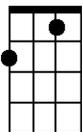
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Introduction: Am

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
would one day walk on water?

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your Baby Boy
Has come to make you new?
The Child that you delivered
will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
will give sight to a blind man?

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
will calm the storm with His hand?

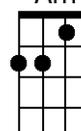
Did you know that your Baby Boy
Has walked where angels trod?
When you kiss your little Baby
You kissed the face of God?

Ohh.. Mary did you know.. ...

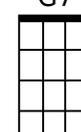
Ooo ..Mary did you know.. ...

Bari

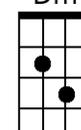
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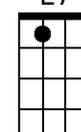
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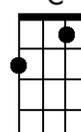
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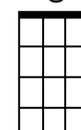
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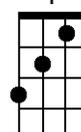
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Bridge

The blind will see.
The deaf will hear.
The dead will live again.
The lame will leap.
The dumb will speak
The praises of The Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
Is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy
would one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your Baby Boy
Is heaven's perfect Lamb?
The sleeping child you're holding
Is the great "I am"

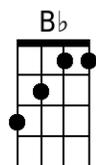
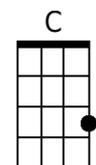
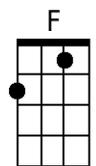
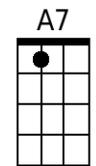
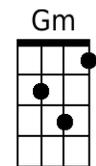
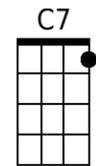
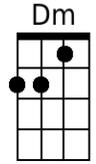
Outro:

Mary . . .
Mary did you know ?
Mary did you know,
That your baby boy ?

Mary, Did You Know?

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Key of Dm

GCEA



Introduction: Dm

Mary, did you ^{Dm} know that your ^{C7} Baby Boy
^{Gm} would one day walk on water? ^{A7}

Mary, did you ^{Dm} know that your ^{C7} Baby Boy
^{Gm} would save our sons and daughters? ^{A7}

Did you ^{Gm} know that your ^{C7} Baby Boy
^F Has come to make you new? ^C ^{Dm} ^C

The ^{Gm} Child that you delivered
^{A7} will soon deliver you.

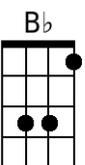
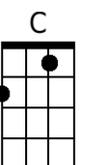
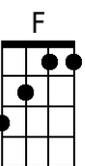
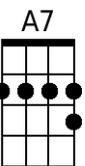
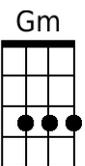
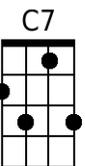
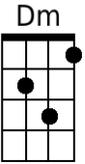
Mary, did you ^{Dm} know that your ^{C7} Baby Boy
^{Gm} will give sight to a blind man? ^{A7}

Mary, did you ^{Dm} know that your ^{C7} Baby Boy
^{Gm} will calm the storm with His hand? ^{A7}

Did you ^{Gm} know that your ^{C7} Baby Boy
^F Has walked where angels trod? ^C ^{Dm} ^C

when you ^{Gm} kiss your little Baby
^{A7} You kissed the face of God?

Bari



Bridge

^{B \flat}
The blind will see.

^C
The deaf will hear.

^{Dm} ^{B \flat}
The dead will live again.

^{Gm}
The lame will leap.

^{A7}
The dumb will speak

^{Dm} ^{A7}
The praises of The Lamb.

^{Dm} ^{C7}
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy

^{Gm} ^{A7}
Is Lord of all creation?

^{Dm} ^{C7}
Mary, did you know that your Baby Boy

^{Gm} ^{A7}
would one day rule the nations?

^{Gm} ^{C7}
Did you know that your Baby Boy

^F ^C ^{Dm} ^C
Is heaven's perfect Lamb?

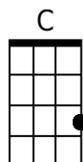
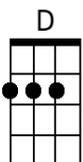
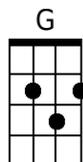
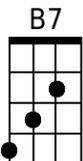
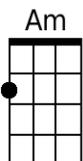
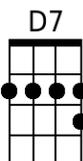
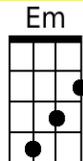
^{Gm}
The sleeping child you're holding

^{A7} ^{Dm}
Is the great "I am"

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Key of Em

GCEA



Introduction: Em

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would one day walk on water?

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Did you know that your Baby Boy
Has come to make you new?

The Child that you delivered
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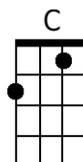
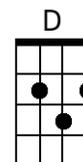
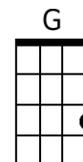
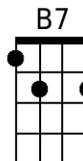
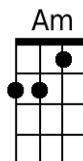
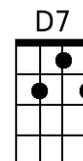
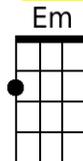
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Bridge

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^{Em} ^C
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