

# The Devil's Nine Questions

Burl Ives

You must answer my questions nine  
Sing ninety-nine and ninety  
Or you aren't God's you are one of mine  
And you are the weaver's bonny

What is whiter than milk?  
Sing ninety-nine and ninety  
And what is softer than silk?  
And you are the weaver's bonny

Snow is whiter than milk  
Sing ninety-nine and ninety  
And down is softer than the silk  
And I am the weaver's bonny

What is louder than a horn?  
Sing ninety-nine and ninety  
And what is sharper than a thorn?  
And who is the weaver's bonny?

Thunder's louder than a horn  
Sing ninety-nine and ninety  
And death is sharper than a thorn  
And I am the weaver's bonny

What is higher than a tree?

Sing ninety-nine and ninety  
And what is deeper than the sea?  
And who is the weaver's bonny?

Heaven is higher than a tree  
Sing ninety-nine and ninety  
And hell is deeper than the sea  
And I am the weaver's bonny

What's more innocent than a lamb?  
Sing ninety-nine and ninety  
What is meaner than woman kind?  
And who is the weaver's bonny

A babe's more innocent than a lamb  
Sing ninety-nine and ninety  
And the devil is meaner than woman kind  
And I am the weaver's bonny

You have answered my questions nine  
Sing ninety-nine and ninety  
So you are God's, you are none of mine  
And you are the weaver's bonny