

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