

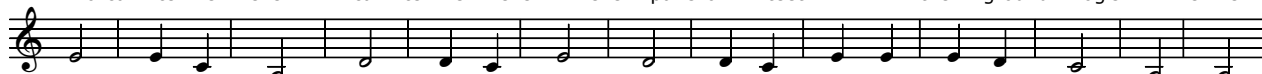
Long Is the Winter Till the Sun's Return

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Quick (♩=224)



Who can tell me one? I can tell you one. One is the warmth - gi - ving, life - gi - ving sun.
Who can tell me two? I can tell you two. Two are the tides that chase af - ter the moon.
Who can tell me four? I can tell you four. Four are the legs be - neath the scur - ry - ing squirrel.
Who can tell me five? I can tell you five. Five are the petals of the blossom of the pear.
Who can tell me seven? I can tell you seven. Seven are the lobes of the white oak leaf.
Who can tell me eight? I can tell you eight. Eight are the legs of the web spin - ning spider.
Who can tell me ten? I can tell you ten. Ten are the segments of the dragon - fly's tail.
Who can tell e - leven? I can tell e - leven. Eleven pairs of teeth in the ground - hog's smile.



Long may it shine. Long may it burn. Long is the win - ter till the sun's re - turn.



Who can tell me three? I can tell you three. Three are the leaves u - pon the clo - ver stem.
Who can tell me six? I can tell you six. Six are the sides of the ho - ney - comb cell.
Who can tell me nine? I can tell you nine. Nine are the leaf - lets from the hic - kory bud.
Who can tell me twelve? I can tell you twelve. Twelve are the fea - thers of the tail of the owl.

Who can tell me one? I can tell you one.
One is the warmth-giving, life-giving sun.
Long may it shine. Long may it burn.
Long is the winter till the sun's return.

Who can tell me two? I can tell you two
Two are the tides that chase after the moon.
One is the warmth-giving, life-giving sun.
Long may it shine. Long may it burn.
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Who can tell me three? I can tell you three.
Three are leaves upon the clover stem.
Two are the tides that chase after the moon.
One is the warmth-giving, life-giving sun.
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Who can tell me four? I can tell you four.
Four are the legs beneath the scurrying squirrel.
Who can tell me five? I can tell you five.
Five are the petals of the blossom of the pear.
Who can tell me six? I can tell you six.
Six are the sides of the honeycomb cell.
Five are the petals of the blossom of the pear.
Four are the legs beneath the scurrying squirrel.
Three are leaves upon the clover stem.
Two are the tides that chase after the moon.
One is the warmth-giving, life-giving sun.
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Who can tell me seven? I can tell you seven.
Seven are the lobes of the white oak leaf.
Who can tell me eight? I can tell you eight.
Eight are the legs of the web-spinning spider.
Who can tell me nine? I can tell you nine.
Nine are the leaflets from the hickory bud.
Eight are the legs of the web-spinning spider.
Seven are the lobes of the white oak leaf.
Six are the sides of the honeycomb cell.
Five are the petals of the blossom of the pear.
Four are the legs beneath the scurrying squirrel.
Three are leaves upon the clover stem.
Two are the tides that chase after the moon.
One is the warmth-giving, life-giving sun.
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Who can tell me ten? I can tell you ten.
Ten are the segments of the dragonfly's tail.
Who can tell eleven? I can tell eleven.
Eleven pairs of teeth in the groundhog's smile.
Who can tell me twelve? I can tell you twelve.
Twelve are the feathers of the tail of the owl.
Eleven pairs of teeth in the groundhog's smile.
Ten are the segments of the dragonfly's tail.
Nine are the leaflets from the hickory bud.
Eight are the legs of the web-spinning spider.
Seven are the lobes of the white oak leaf.
Six are the sides of the honeycomb cell.
Five are the petals of the blossom of the pear.
Four are the legs beneath the scurrying squirrel.
Three are leaves upon the clover stem.
Two are the tides that chase after the moon.
One is the warmth-giving, life-giving sun.
Long may it shine. Long may it burn.
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