

If You Should See Some Magpies....

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'If you should see some mag-pies in the sky, Fly - ing low, fly - ing high, If you should see some mag-pies in the sky, Then note that change to your life now is nigh. One for sor - row, two for joy, three for a girl, four for a boy, Five for sil - ver, six for gold, se - ven for a sec - ret ne - ver to be told.' The chords are: Em, D, Em, C, Am, Em, Em, C, Em, Bm, Em, Em, B7, Em, B7, Em, C, Bm, Em.

If you should see some magpies in the sky,
Flying low, flying high,
If you should see some magpies in the sky
Then note that change to your life now is nigh.

*Ch: One for sorrow, two for joy, three for a girl, four for a boy,
Five for silver, six for gold, seven for a secret never to be told.*

If you should see one magpie in the sky,
Flying low, flying high,
If you should see one magpie in the sky
Then be prepared for a loved one to die.

If you should see two magpies in the sky,
Flying low, flying high,
If you should see two magpies in the sky
Then happiness for you they signify.

If you should see three magpies in the sky,
Flying low, flying high,
If you should see three magpies in the sky
Then soon look on a sight to catch your eye.

If you should see four magpies in the sky,
Flying low, flying high,
If you should see four magpies in the sky
Then know that trouble now is nearby.

If you should see five magpies in the sky,
Flying low, flying high,
If you should see five magpies in the sky
Then soon your savings they will multiply.

If you should see six magpies in the sky,
Flying low, flying high,
If you should see six magpies in the sky
Then you'll be rich for ever, that's no lie.

If you should see seven magpies in the sky,
Flying low, flying high,
If you should see seven magpies in the sky
Then into others lives don't ever pry.



Magpies are handsome and intelligent birds, but they are not popular with all given their predilection for other birds' eggs. Why they have become such a part of British folklore, I do not know.