

## SONG

# Had Gadyo

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*Allegorical meanings have been sought in the Had Gadyo, on the supposition that it illustrates the working of Divine justice in the history of mankind. In reality, it is a rhyme for children, to keep their interest to the end of the Seder. As in the preceding number so in this one, grown people become children. The company reads in unison (not racing as in "Who Knows One" but) with regular rhythm, as to the beat of music; or sings it to one of the following musical settings.*

An only kid! An only kid,  
My father bought  
For two zuzim \*.  
An only kid! An only kid!

2. Then came the cat  
And ate the kid  
My father bought For two zuzim.  
An only kid! An only kid!

3. Then came the dog  
And bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought  
For two zuzim.  
An only kid! An only kid!

4. Then came the stick  
And beat the dog  
That bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought For two zuzim.  
An only kid! An only kid!

5. Then came the fire  
And burned the stick  
That beat the dog  
That bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought  
For two zuzim.  
An only kid! An only kid!

6. Then came the water  
And quenched the fire  
That burned the stick  
That beat the dog  
That bit the cat

That ate the kid  
My father bought For two zuzim.  
An only kid! An only kid!

7. Then came the ox  
And drank the water  
That quenched the fire  
That burned the stick  
That beat the dog  
That bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought  
For two zuzim.  
An only kid! An only kid!

8. Then came the butcher  
And killed the ox  
That drank the water  
That quenched the fire  
That burned the stick  
That beat the dog  
That bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought  
For two zuzim.  
An only kid! An only kid!

9. Then came the angel of death  
And slew the butcher  
That killed the ox  
That drank the water  
That quenched the fire  
That burned the stick  
That beat the dog  
That bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought  
For two zuzim.  
An only kid! An only kid!

10. Then came the Holy One, blest be He!  
And destroyed the angel of death  
That slew the butcher  
That killed the ox  
That drank the water  
That quenched the fire  
That burned the stick  
That beat the dog  
That bit the cat  
That ate the kid  
My father bought

For two zuzim.  
An only kid! An only kid!

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\*zuzim - pieces of money