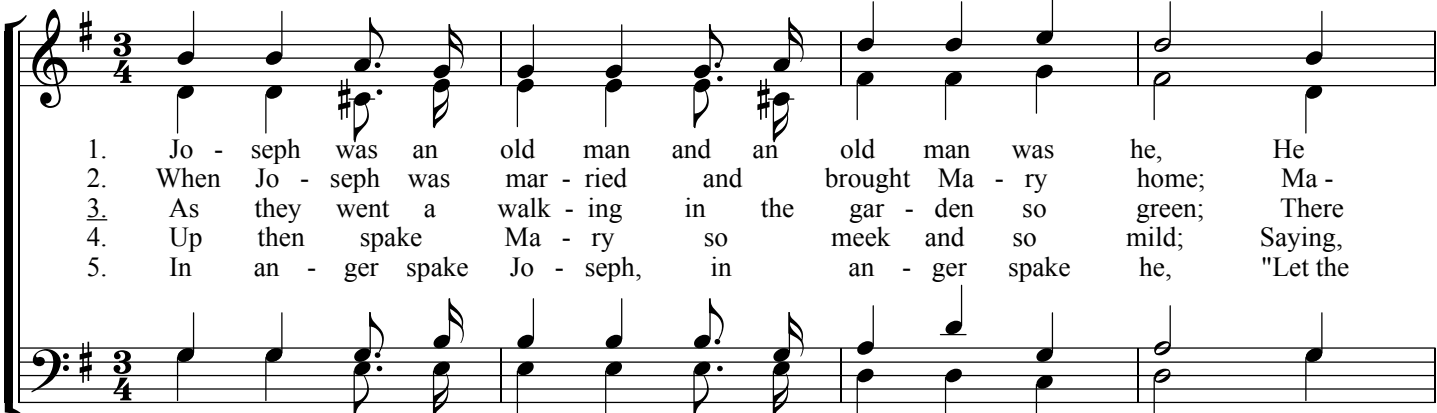


# Cherry tree carol (Hampshire version)

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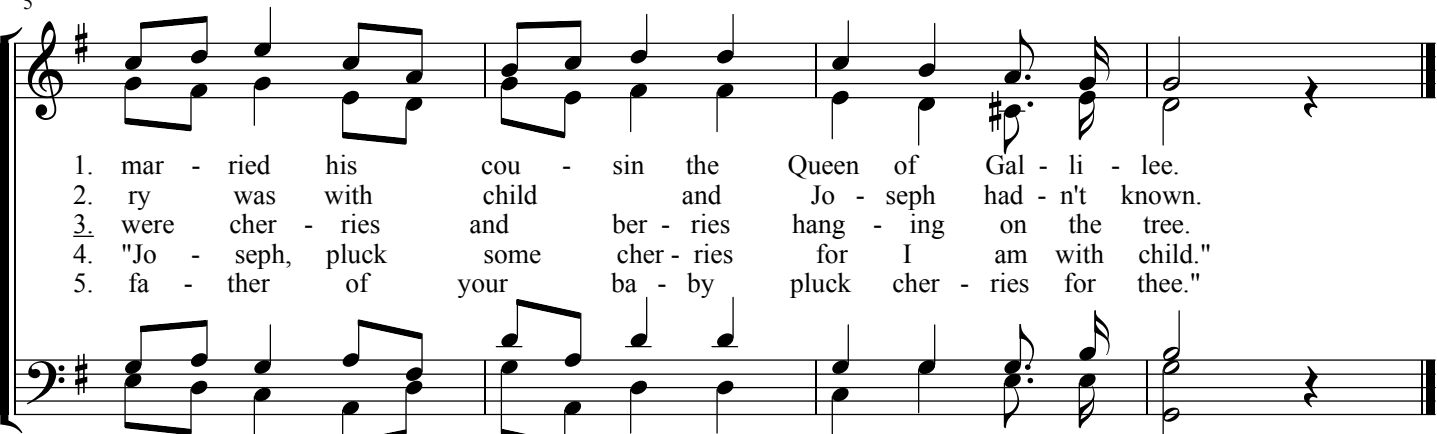
*Traditional*

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1. Jo - seph was an old man and an old man was he, He  
2. When Jo - seph was mar - ried and brought Ma - ry home; Ma -  
3. As they went a walk - ing in the gar - den so green; There  
4. Up then spake Ma - ry so meek and so mild; Saying,  
5. In an - ger spake Jo - seph, in an - ger spake he, "Let the

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1. mar - ried his cou - sin the Queen of Gal - li - lee.  
2. ry was with child and Jo - seph had - n't known.  
3. were cher - ries and ber - ries hang - ing on the tree.  
4. "Jo - seph, pluck some cher - ries for I am with child."  
5. fa - ther of your ba - by pluck cher - ries for thee."

6. Then out spake baby Jesus from his mother's womb,  
"Mary shall have cherries and Joseph shall have none."
7. And down bowed the cherry tree, all down to the ground;  
And Mary plucked cherries while Joseph stood around.
8. As Joseph was a-walking he heard angels sing,  
"This night there shall be born our heavenly King."