

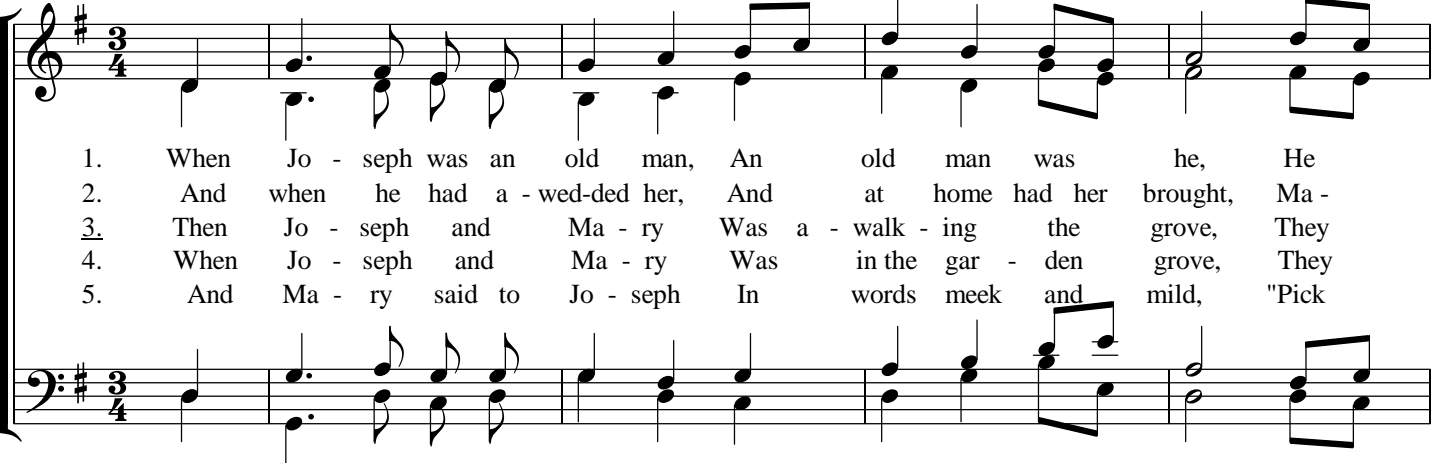
# The Cherry Tree Carol

(Camborne Version)

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1. When Jo - seph was an old man, An old man was he, He  
2. And when he had a - wed - ded her, And at home had her brought, Ma -  
3. Then Jo - seph and Ma - ry Was a - walk - ing the grove, They  
4. When Jo - seph and Ma - ry Was in the gar - den grove, They  
5. And Ma - ry said to Jo - seph In words meek and mild, "Pick

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1. wed - ded our Ma - ry, The Queen of Ga - li - lee.  
2. ry proved to be with Child; But Jo - seph knew her not.  
3. saw cher - ries and ber - ries, As red as a - ny rose.  
4. saw cher - ries and ber - ries, That was fit to be seen.  
5. me some cher-ries Jo - seph, For I am with Child."

6. Then Joseph spoke to Mary  
In words so unkind,  
"Let him pick thee cherries, Mary,  
Who brought thee with Child."
7. Then Jesus spoke unto the tree,  
From within his mother's womb,  
"Bow down, sweet cherry tree,  
For my mother to have some."
8. Then the highest branches bent as low  
As Mother Mary's knee,  
And she picked of the cherries,  
By one, two and three.
9. Then Mary had a young Son,  
Which she dandled on her knee;  
And she said to her fair Child,  
"What will this world be?"
10. "This world," he said, "is no other  
Than the stones in the street,  
But the sun, moon and stars  
Shall sail under thy feet.
11. "And I must not be rocked  
In silver nor gold,  
But in a wood cradle  
That rocks on the ground.
12. "And I must not be clothed  
In purple nor pall;  
But be clothed in fine linen  
The Child is your own."