

The Cherry Tree

Southern Appalachian Version 1

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1. As Jo - seph and Ma - ry were a - walk - ing the green,
2. And then Ma - ry said to Jo - seph so meek and so mild:
3. Then Jo - seph said to Ma - ry so rough and so un - kind:
4. Then the Ba - by spoke out of its mo - ther's womb:
5. Then the cher - ry tree bent and it bowed like a bow,

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1. They was ap - ples and cher - ries plen - ty there to be seen, They was
2. "Ga - ther me some cher - ries, Jo - seph, for I am with Child. Ga - ther
3. "Let the dad - dy of the Ba - by get the cher - ries for thine. Let the
4. "Bow down you lof - ty cher - ry trees, let my mam - my have some. Bow down
5. Then the cher - ry tree bent and it bent like a bow. So that

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 5. Ma - ry picked cher - ries from the up - per - most bough.

6. Then Joseph took Mary all on his left knee,
Saying: "Lord have mercy on me and what I have done."
7. Then Joseph took Mary all on his right knee,
Saying:: "O my little Saviour, when your birthday shall be."
8. The hills and high mountains shall bow unto thee.
Then the Baby spoke out of its mother's womb:
9. "On old Christmas morning my birthday shall be,
When the hills and the mountains shall bow unto me."