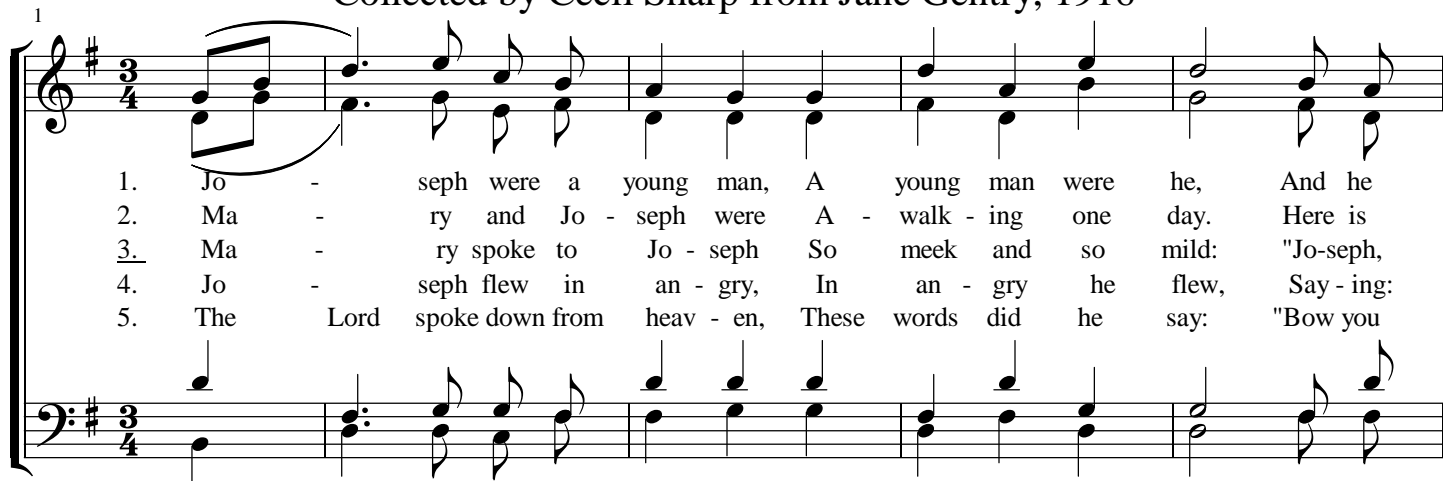


# Cherry Tree Carol

## Appalachian Version 2

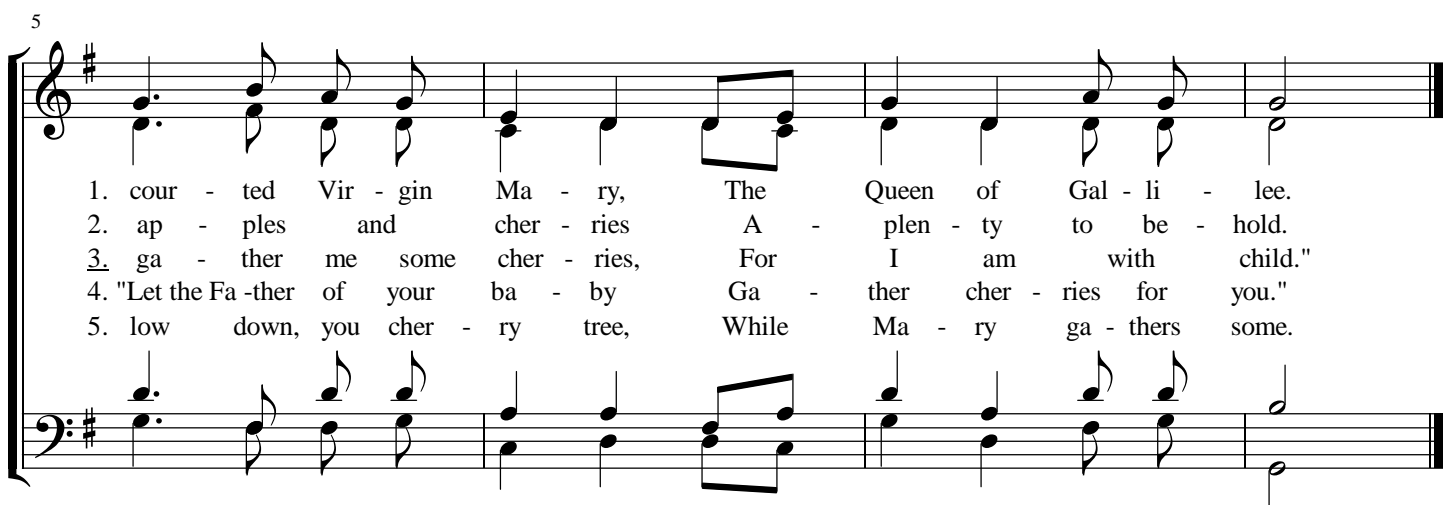
Collected by Cecil Sharp from Jane Gentry, 1916

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1. Jo - seph were a young man, A young man were he, And he  
2. Ma - ry and Jo - seph were A - walk - ing one day. Here is  
3. Ma - ry spoke to Jo - seph So meek and so mild: "Jo-seph,  
4. Jo - seph flew in an - gry, In an - gry he flew, Say - ing:  
5. The Lord spoke down from heav - en, These words did he say: "Bow you

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1. cour - ted Vir - gin Ma - ry, The Queen of Gal - li - lee.  
2. ap - ples and cher - ries A - plen - ty to be - hold.  
3. ga - ther me some cher - ries, For I am with child."  
4. "Let the Fa - ther of your ba - by Ga - ther cher - ries for you."  
5. low down, you cher - ry tree, While Ma - ry ga - thers some.

6. The cherry tree bowed down,  
It was low on the ground;  
And Mary gathered cherries  
While Joseph stood around.
7. Then Joseph took Mary  
All on his right knee:  
"Pray tell me, little baby,  
When your birthday shall be."
8. "On the fifth day of January  
My birthday shall be,  
When the stars and the elements  
Shall tremble with fear."
9. Then Joseph took Mary  
All on his left knee,  
Saying: "Lord, have mercy upon me  
For what I have done."