

Cherry Tree Carol

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When Joseph was an old man, an old man was he
He married Virgin Mary, the queen of Galilee
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Mary and Joseph went walking one day
In a garden full of cherries they happen to stray
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Mary said to Joseph so meek and so mild
"Won't gather me some cherries, for I am with child"
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Joseph flew in angry, in angry flew he
"Let the father of the baby gather cherries for thee"
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Then Jesus he spoke up from his mother's womb
Saying, "Bow down cherry tree so my mother may have some
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The cherry tree bowed down, bowed low to the ground
And Mary gathered cherries while Joseph stood around
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Then Joseph took Mary on his knee
Saying "Tell me pretty baby when your birthday shall be"
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"On the sixth day of January my birthday shall be
When the elements will tremble and the stars will dance with glee
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