

Cherry Tree Carol

trad.

♩=120

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as ♩=120. The score consists of three staves of music. The first staff has a tempo marking of ♩=120. The lyrics are: "When Jo - seph was an old ___ man, An old man was ___ he, He ___". The second staff has lyrics: "mar - ried Vir - gin Mar - y, The ___ Queen of Ga - li - lee, He ___". The third staff has lyrics: "mar - ried Vir - gin Mar - y, The ___ Queen of Ga - li - lee." Chord markings are placed above the notes: E, A, A, E, B in the first staff; C#m, A, E, A, G# in the second staff; A, E, A, B, E in the third staff. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the third staff.

As Joseph and Mary
Walked through an orchard green,
There were apples and cherries
Plenty there to be seen,
There were apples and cherries
Plenty there to be seen.

Then Mary spoke to Joseph,
So meek and so mild,
"Joseph, gather me some cherries,
For I am with Child,
Joseph gather me some cherries,
For I am with Child."

Then Joseph flew in agner,
In anger flew he,
"Let the father of the baby
Gether cherries for thee,
Let the father of the baby
Gather cherries for thee."

Then Jesus spoke a few words,
A few words spoke He.
"Let me mother have some cherries,
Bow low down, cherry tree,
Let my mother have some cherries,
Bow low down, cherry tree."

The cherry bowed low down,
Bowed low down to the ground.
And Mary gathered cherries
While Joseph stood around,
And Mary gathered cherries
while Joseph stood around.

Then Joseph took Mary
All on his right knee:
"Oh, what have I done, Lord?
Have mercy on me.
Oh, what have I done, Lord?
Have mercy on me."

Then Joseph took Mary
All on his left knee:
"Oh tell me little Baby,
When Thy Birthday will be,
Oh, tell me little Baby,
When Thy Birthday will be."

"On the fifth day of Januray
My Birthday will be,
When the stars and the elements
Shall tremble with fear,
When the stars and the elements
Shall tremble with fear."