Cherry Tree Carol - Joseph was an Old Man
Traditional English

Arr: PKN - August 2007

V1. Joseph was an old man, and an old man was he,

V4. Go to the tree then, Mary, and it shall bow to thee; and

when he married Mary in the land of Galilee.

you shall gather cherries by one, by two, by three.
walk - ing through an or - chard so good,
high - est tree un - to our La - dy's hand;
where were cher - ries and
"See," Ma - ry cried, "see,
berries as red as an - y blood.
Jos - seph, I have cher - ries at com - mand.
words both meek and mild,  
"Pluck me one cherry, Joseph, for

eat your cherries now;  
eat your cherries, Mary, that

words both meek and mild,  
"Pluck me one cherry, Joseph, for

that I am with child."  
2nd time, on to verse 7

that I am with child."  
Rall e Dim.
Generally quieter and slower.

V7. Then Mary pluck'd a cherry, as red as any blood.

V7. Then Mary went she home-wards all with her heavy load.

This piece can be sung in a variety of ways:
SA MEN - as written;
UNISON - with the melody in every verse, all accompanied;
SA - as written, but in verses 3 and 6 the altos sing the melody an octave higher than written;
LADIES/MEN - as written, without the Alto part. Some ladies may prefer to sing some of the alto notes for bars 31 and 32.