

## 24. THE CHERRY TREE CAROL

English traditional carol  
arranged by DAVID WILLCOCKS

**Andante** (♩ = 76)

SOPRANO

*mf* 1. Jo-seph was an old man; And an old man was he, —  
*p* 3. O then be-spoke Ma-ry, With words both meek and mild, —  
*mp* 5. Then bowed down the high-est tree Un-to our La-dy's hand; —  
*p* 7. Then Ma-ry plucked a cher-ry, As red as a-ny blood, Then

ALTO 1  
ALTO 2

*p* *vv. 1 & 7* *vv. 3 & 5* *Ah* *Ah*

*v. 7: rall. e dim.* *Fine*

When he mar-ried Ma-ry In the land of Ga-li-lee. —  
'Pluck me one cher-ry, Jo-seph; For that I am with child.' —  
'See,' Ma-ry cried 'see, Jo-seph, I have cher-ries at com-mand.' —  
Ma-ry went she home-wards All with her hea-vy load. —

A.1

*mp* 2. And as they were walk-ing Through an or-ard so good, —  
*mf* 4. 'Go to the tree then, Ma-ry, And it shall bow to thee; And  
*mf* 6. 'O eat your cher-ries, Ma-ry, O eat your cher-ries now; O

S.  
A.2

*p* *Ah* *Ah*

*D.C. for vv. 3, 5, 7*

Where were cher-ries and ber-ries As red as a-ny blood. —  
you shall ga-ther cher-ries By one, by two, by three.' —  
eat your cher-ries, Ma-ry, That grow up-on the bough.' —  
*Ah*

Words  
G. R. WOOD

SOPRANO 1  
SOPRANO 2

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