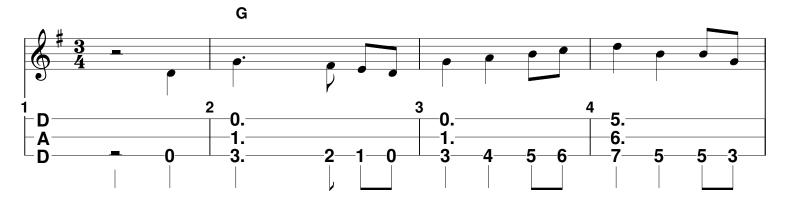
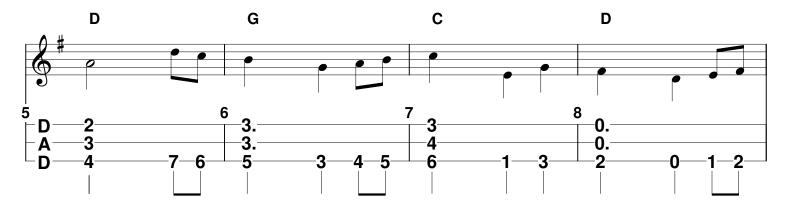
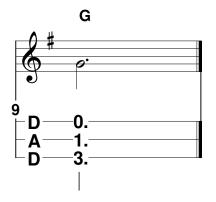
The Cherry Tree Carol

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Lyrics:

When Joseph was an old man, an old man was he, He married Virgin Mary, the queen of Galilee, He married Virgin Mary, the queen of Galilee.

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Joseph and Mary walked through an orchard green, There were berries and cherries as thick as might be seen There were berries and cherries as thick as might be seen

And 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."

And Joseph flew in anger, in anger flew he, "Let the father of the baby gather cherries for thee, Let the father of the baby gather cherries for thee."

Then up spoke the baby Jesus from in Mary's womb, "Bend down the tallest tree that my mother might have some, Bend down the tallest tree that my mother might have some."

And bent down the tallest branch, 'till it touched Mary's hand, Cried she, "Oh look thou Joseph I have cherries by command," Cried she, "Oh look thou Joseph I have cherries by command."