

I Gave My Love a Cherry

(The Riddle Song)

SATB and Piano

Appalachian Folk Song

Arranged by **Victor C. Johnson**

Sensitively ♩ = ca. 60

mp

Musical score for piano introduction in 4/4 time, starting with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand.

4 SA *poco rit.* *mp* *a tempo*

TB

I gave my love a cher - ry that

Musical score for the first vocal line, featuring Soprano Alto (SA) and Tenor Bass (TB) parts. The tempo is marked *poco rit.* (ritardando) and *mp* (mezzo-piano), then returns to *a tempo*. The lyrics are "I gave my love a cher - ry that".

poco rit. *a tempo*

Musical score for the piano accompaniment during the first vocal line. The tempo is marked *poco rit.* and *a tempo*.

6 had no stone.

mp

I gave my love a chick - en that

Musical score for the second vocal line, featuring SA and TB parts. The tempo is marked *mp*. The lyrics are "had no stone. I gave my love a chick - en that".

Musical score for the piano accompaniment during the second vocal line.

Duration: approx. 3:05

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I gave my love a sto - ry that

had no bone.

10

had no end. I gave my love a ba - by with

12

poco rit. *a tempo* *mf*

no cry - in'. How

poco rit.

a tempo

15 **Freely, with rubato**

can there be a cher - ry that has no stone? How

Freely, with rubato

can there be a chick - en that has no bone? How

can there be a sto - ry that has no end? And

div.

21 *poco rit. e dim.*

how can there be a ba - by with no cry -

poco rit. e dim.

6
29

chick - en when it's pip - ping it has no bone. The

31

ba - by when it's sleep - ing has no cry -

33 *mp dolce*

in'. And when I say I love you, it
mp dolce

35 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

has. no end.

poco rit. *a tempo*

rit. e dim.

37 When I say I love you,

When I say I love you, I love

rit. e dim.

When I say I love you,

rit. e dim.

39 *p*

you, there is no end.

there is no end.

p

pp