

## **THE RIDDLE**

**I gave my love a cher-ry that has no stone,**

**I gave my love a chick-en that has no bone,**

**I gave my love a ring that has no end,**

**I gave my love a ba-by with no cry-en.**

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

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

**How can there be a ring that has no end?**

**How can there be a ba-by with no cry-en?**

**A cher-ry, when it's bloom-ing, it has no stone,**

**A chick-en when it's pip-ping, it has no bone,**

**A ring when it's roll-ing, it has no end,**

**A ba-by when it's sleep-ing, has no cry-en**



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A folk song from the Kentucky mountains. An earlier version has been discovered in a fifteenth century English manuscript.



Very simply – moderato  
*mp*

1. I gave my love a cher - ry that has no stone, I  
2. How can there be a cher - ry that has no stone? How  
3. A cher - ry, when it's bloom-ing, it has no stone, A

*mp*

with Pedal

gave my love a chick-en that has no bone, I gave my love a ring that  
can there be a chick-en that has no bone? How can there be a ring that  
chick-en when it's pip-ping, it has no bone, A ring when it's roll-ing, it

*poco rit.*

has no end, I gave my love a ba - by with no cry - en.  
has no end? How can there be a ba - by with no cry - en?  
has no end, A ba - by when it's sleep-ing, has no cry - en.

*poco rit.*