

June Apple

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1. Wish I was a June Apple
Hanging on a tree,
Every time my true love passed
She'd take a little bite of me.
2. Going across the mountain,
I'm going in a swing,
When I get on the other side,
I'm gonna hear my woman sing
3. Don't you hear that banjo saying
I wish that gal was mine?
Can't you hear that banjo saying
I wish that gal was mine?
4. Charlie he's a nice young man,
Charlie he's a dandy,
Charlie he's a nice young man,
He feeds the gals on candy.
5. Over the river to feed my sheep,
Over the river Charlie.
Over the river to feed my sheep,
Feed them all on barley.
6. Wish I had some sticks and poles
Build my chimney higher,
Ever time it rains or snows,
Puts out all my fire.

A June apple is an early ripening variety of apple, maturing in the spring in the southern United States. It tends to be smaller and more tart than later-ripening apples. Most versions of the tune are in the mixolydian mode, although Benton Flippen (Surry County, N.C.) plays it in A major. The late Mt. Airy, North Carolina, fiddler Tommy Jarrell (1901-1985) played it and sang words to the 'B' part.

It was recorded by Brad Leftwich, Bruce Molsky, Tommy Jarrell, Fred Cockerham, Roger Sprung, Dan Gellert, The Red Clay Ramblers and others.

It appears in most printed collection of fiddle tunes.