# The Riddle Song

Traditional (part of Child Ballad #46 “Captain Wedderburn’s Courtship”)

As recorded by Doc Watson 1966

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**INTRO: / 1 2 / 1 2 /**

I **[D]** gave my love a **[G]** cherry, that had no **[D]** stone

I **[A]** gave my love a **[D]** chicken, that had no **[A]** bone

I **[A]** gave my love a **[D]** baby, with no cry-**[A]**in’

And **[Bm]** told my love a **[G]** story, that had no **[D]** end **[D]**

I **[D]** gave my love a **[G]** cherry, that had no **[D]** stone

**[A]** Gave my love a **[D]** chicken, that had no **[A]** bone

I **[A]** gave my love a **[D]** baby, with no cry-**[A]**in’

And **[Bm]** told my love a **[G]** story, that had no **[D]** end **[D]**

How **[D]** can there be a **[G]** cherry, that has no **[D]** stone?

How **[A]** can there be a **[D]** chicken, that has no **[A]** bone?

How **[A]** can there be a **[D]** baby, with no cry-**[A]**in’?

How **[Bm]** can you tell a **[G]** story, that has no **[D]** end? **[D]**

**INSTRUMENTAL:**

How **[D]** can there be a **[G]** cherry, that has no **[D]** stone?

How **[A]** can there be a **[D]** chicken, that has no **[A]** bone?

How **[A]** can there be a **[D]** baby, with no cry-**[A]**in’?

How **[Bm]** can you tell a **[G]** story, that has no **[D]** end? **[D]**

A **[D]** cherry when it’s **[G]** bloomin’, it has no **[D]** stone

And a **[A]** chicken when it’s **[D]** pippin’, there is no **[A]** bone

A **[A]** baby when it’s **[D]** sleepin’, there’s no cry-**[A]**in’

And **[Bm]** when I say I **[G]** love you, it has no **[D]** end **[D]**

I **[D]** gave my love a **[G]** cherry, that had no **[D]** stone

I **[A]** gave my love a **[D]** chicken, that had no **[A]** bone

I **[A]** gave my love a **[D]** baby, with no cry-**[A]**in’

And **[Bm]** told my love a **[G]** story, that had no **[D]** end **[D] / [D]↓**

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