

Rime Royal

The Cherry Pickers

- a The cherries ripen too high on the tree.
- b They deepen, darken purple from bright red.
- a too out of reach to pick successfully.
- b We will leave them for hungry birds instead.
- b They glisten, beckon, swaying overhead.
- c Once in a while a ripe cherry might fall.
- c Even with a ladder I am too small.

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1. French form of seven line stanzas.
2. Syllable Count: ten per line
3. Rhyme Scheme: a-b-a-b-b-c-c